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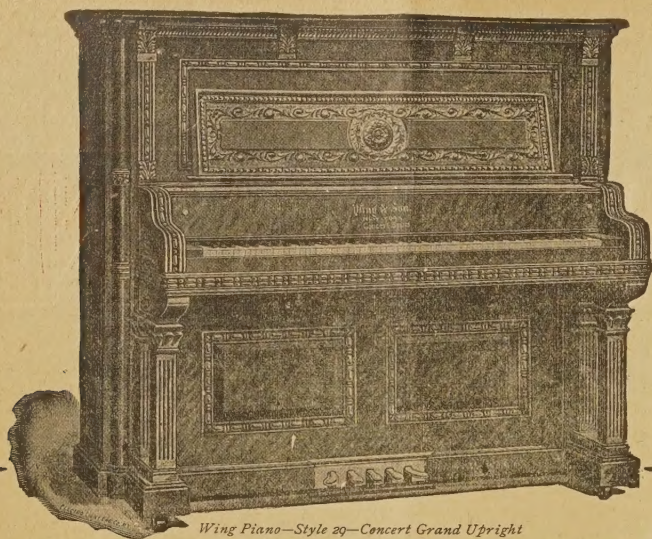
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and gorgeousness of a bed of good varieties in full bloom. They are so gay and showy, so varied in coloring, so bright and cheerful after the long, dreary winter and slow-returning spring, it is not strange they have remained favorites for so many years, and are ever gaining new admirers. They are so perfectly hardy, too, and so sure to blossom; one feels no doubt when committing the smooth, brown-coated bulbs to the earth that the spring will see a beautiful resurrection. The low price at which they can be procured is another point in their favor, as a most gorgeous display can be made at comparatively little expense, and once planted they will increase from year to year.

Tulips are so hardy that they will succeed with the most ordinary care and are sure to give satisfaction. Such a variety in coloring can be obtained that any desired effect can be produced, and different times of blooming make it possible to have a display for several weeks in succession. They should be planted the latter part of September or in October, though they can be set any time before the ground freezes. It is better, however, not to delay planting too long, as winter may come on suddenly, and if set early, the bulbs will have a chance to form roots, giving them the advantage of an earlier start in the spring, as well as greater vigor of growth. The ground should be spaded deep and the soil made fine; especial care should be taken to have the drainage good, for Tulips will not do well in a soil in which water will stand. If the drainage is not naturally good, dig out the soil to the depth of two feet and fill in several inches of stone, broken brick, old cans, or anything which will prevent the earth from settling

down into a compact mass. Any good garden soil will do for Tulips; if it is heavy, add loam or sand, and if rather poor, add well-rotted manure or rotted sods. Do not use any fresh manure. The early flowering kinds should be set five inches apart and the late flowering varieties, six inches. The bulbs should be covered four inches deep. When freezing weather comes, cover the bed with coarse manure or leaves. The former is preferable as the fertilizing elements will soak into the earth and benefit the bulbs. The covering is to protect from alternate freezing and thawing, which heaves the ground and throws out the bulbs. When the adjacent ground is thoroughly thawed out in the spring, it will do to uncover the bulbs, which is about the first of April in this latitude, Rochester, N. Y.

After Tulips have done flowering, if the ground is needed they can be taken up and planted close together in some corner of the garden until it is time to replant them in the fall. Or, they can be dried off and packed away in paper bags or boxes, in a cool, dry place until planting time. If the ground is not needed for other plants, annuals can be sown among the Tulips and when the leaves of the latter die down they can be raked off. Crocus, Scilla and Chionodoxa bulbs can be planted among Tulips, as they flower early and will be out of bloom before the latter begin. It is not advisable to set Geraniums or similar bedding plants among Tulips, as in removing them in the fall one is apt to injure the bulbs. Tulips need not be taken up every year; in fact, it is generally best to leave them two years in a place. They increase rapidly and at the end of that time they will probably need dividing. The small bulbs can be planted in some retired spot until they become of blooming size.

Tulips make the finest show when grown in beds or masses. When planted in beds different colors can be grouped, care being taken to select those varieties which will be of the same height, produce a harmonious effect and bloom at the same time. Beds made of three distinct colors, such as yellow, white and red, are very showy. There should be at least three rows of each color to produce the best effect. The only trouble about such beds is, they are made for show and one cannot cut the flowers freely without destroying the effect. For real unadulterated pleasure in Tulips a bed of mixed varieties in the garden, from which one can cut at will without a thought of consequences, is to be preferred to a formal bed on the lawn.

The Duke Van Thol Tulips are the earliest to bloom and are desirable mostly because they do come first. They are low-growing, very gay and bright, but not as lasting as some of the later flowering varieties. The Duke Van Thols are excellent for forcing in the house, coming into bloom for Christmas if desired. One of our subscribers said of them: "This morning my Duke Van Thol Tulips are beautiful; I cannot understand why more flower-lovers do not try them for house culture." Three or four bulbs can be put in a five-inch pot, setting them about two inches below the surface. After potting, water them and put in a cool, dark place to root, bringing to the light when they show signs of leaf growth. By bringing forward at different times a succession of bloom can be obtained.

The Single Early Tulips are the favorites with most people for bedding, as an unlimited variety in coloring and markings can be obtained, and they usually last a long time. The most striking as well as the most delicate colors are found in the Single Early class, making them a very charming sort, and they can not only be obtained in the solid colors, but some are veined and variegated, feathered and striped in the most beautiful manner. The colors range from white to the most intense scarlet, from yellow to orange, and they can always be depended on for a brilliant bed.

The Double Tulips are becoming more popular than they were formerly. They are very attractive by reason of their large size, symmetrical shape, and beautiful combinations of color. Like the single varieties, all shades and colors can be obtained from purest white and delicate pink to scarlet and crimson, and from pure golden yellow to orange and bronze. The double varieties are more lasting than the single, remaining in good condition considerably longer. There are early and late blooming kinds and they make beautiful beds on the lawn or in the garden, and are fine for planting in clumps around the edge of shrubbery.

The Parrot Tulips are the very gayest of this gay family. Their curiously fringed, cut and slashed petals, together with their striking combinations of color, give them a very picturesque appearance. The petals are long and loose, twisted and waved, sometimes curling in and again opening out flat. Usually three or four striking colors are blended in one blossom, such as scarlet, crimson, green and gold, and anything more gorgeous cannot be imagined.

The Parrots are beautiful as cut flowers; arrange some in a clear glass vase with Narcissus poeticus blossoms around the edge, and notice what a charming combination they make.

The Parrot Tulips make the finest show when planted in a bed of hardy perennials, or against a background of low-growing shrubs. A beautiful effect was obtained at Highland Park, in this city, by planting them with the Evergreen Candytuft, and nothing could be prettier than the picture they made as the showy blossoms of mingled yellow, red and green glowed in the sunlight and the gentle breezes swayed the long stems to and fro.

The late-flowering Show Tulips are not as generally planted as they deserve to be. Florists and gardeners admire and appreciate them, but amateur growers are apparently not yet educated up to the point of seeing as much beauty in them as in the early blooming varieties. The coloring is quite subdued in most of them, but they are beautifully blotched, striped and feathered in the most peculiar and striking manner, the various tints blending, however, in a very harmonious way. The shape of the blossoms is very perfect and they have tall, stately stems about eighteen inches high. In looking at them one scarcely wonders at the Tulip mania which raged in Holland in 1634, for surely they are very fascinating.

The late Show Tulips are divided into Bizarres, yellow ground, feathered and striped with crimson, purple or white; Bybemens, white ground, beautifully marked with dark red; Violets, white ground, blotched, striped or feathered with blue, lilac, violet, purple or black; Roses, white ground, with stripes and markings of crimson, pink, scarlet and rose. The blossoms of this class of Tulips are particularly adapted for house decoration and the more you see of them the more you will admire them.

The Darwin Tulips have very large flowers of symmetrical form borne on tall, strong stems about two feet high. The colors are very bright and glowing, and include almost every hue and shade, from soft rose to brilliant red; from blue to dark violet; and from brown to almost black. They belong to the late-blooming class.

The Gesneriana Tulip is the most magnificent of all this beautiful family. It is supposed to be the Mother Tulip from which the many hundred different varieties have all sprung, and was originally an importation from Asia Minor. It was named for Conrad Gesner, a Swiss naturalist, who published the first description of it, with an illustration, in 1559.

In color the Gesneriana is a brilliant crimson scarlet, with a deep blue-black center. The flowers are of enormous size, as large as a teacup, borne on strong stems two feet high. They hold their beautiful color and keep perfect for weeks. When grown in masses a most brilliant effect is produced and also when grouped among hardy perennials which serve as a background for the gayly colored blossoms of the Tulips. They bloom in May, thus helping to prolong the season. There is a rose colored variety of the Gesneriana, but it is not nearly as brilliant as the type—the crimson-scarlet flowered—which properly elicits the most extravagant admiration from every Tulip-lover, and well deserves a home in every garden.

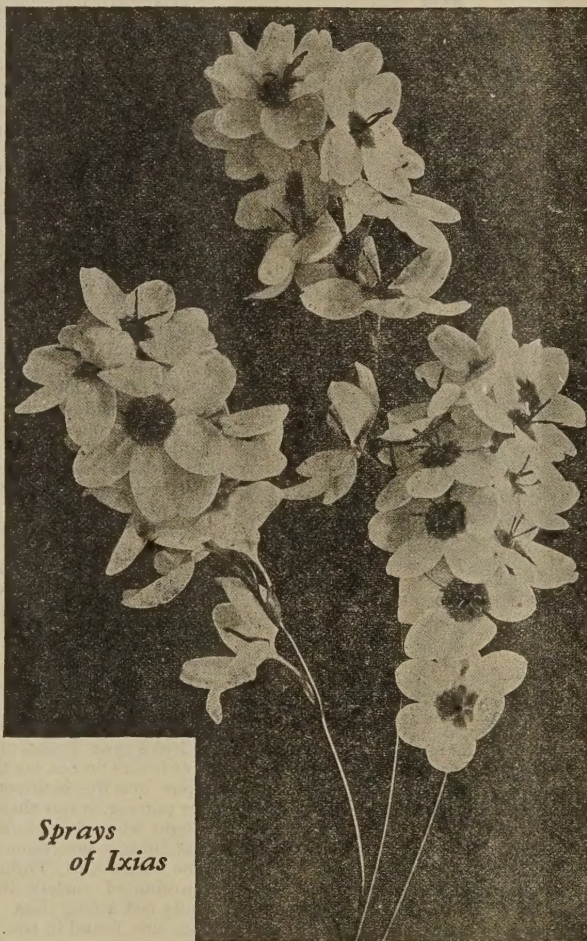
Dealers offer an almost unlimited variety of Tulips, and many of the named sorts are magnificent, but unless you care particularly for special kinds or colors, a bed of mixed varieties will give you quite as much pleasure as the choice named ones, and they are much cheaper. Begin with a dozen, if that is all you can afford, and as they increase you will become a more and more ardent admirer of these gorgeous but lovely flowers.—*Florence Beckwith.*

IXIAS.

The Ixias are natives of the Cape of Good Hope and other parts of South Africa. The plants are only "half-hardy" in northern latitudes, but will do well in the garden if protected. When planted outside, it should be done late in November, so that no fall growth will be made. Set the bulbs three inches deep and give a three-inch covering of leaves or other light material. The bed should not be uncovered until after the first of April, and then some material for covering should be kept conveniently at hand for frosty nights. After a week or ten days the plants will have become hardened and will stand exposure.

The Ixias are well adapted for the window garden, but are not as much grown as they deserve to be, for really, they are very charming plants.

The leaves of the Ixias are long, narrow and



Sprays
of Ixias

grass-like, the stems slender, simple or slightly branching, and bearing spikes of showy flowers. The blossoms attract great attention on account of their curious and changing form, and rich, varied and beautiful coloring. The range of colors is something wonderful, and the manner in which they are blended is equally so. In many species the center of the flower is of a different color from the other parts, giving a peculiar and striking effect. Deep blue with paler center; light yellow with black center; brick-red with brown center; coppery-rose with black center; light pink with brighter and darker center; pure white with crimson center; white with a deep blue eye; white with a distinct black center; yellow striped with magenta and with a black center; light green spotted with purple and pink and with a black center, are a few of the combinations shown in these attractive flowers.

Ixia Viridiflora, a species with pale sea-green black-centered blossom, is unique in coloring, and, for a green flower, very attractive. Lovely shades and variegations may be obtained by purchasing a dozen or two of the mixed bulbs. Self-colored forms, or those which show but one color, are not much cultivated.

On first blooming the flowers of the *Ixia* are erect and cup-shaped. As they grow older they open wider and become star-shaped. The blossoms close at night and remain closed on dark days. In the later stages of growth, the flowers droop on the slender stalk, but retain their attractiveness until the last. They remain in bloom about three weeks; as cut flowers they last about ten days or two weeks.

For house culture *Ixias* should be potted in October; the bulbs are small and five or six can be planted in a five-inch pot. The pot should be filled about one-third full of drainage material, a compost of sand, loam and leaf mold used, the bulbs pressed firmly down and covered an inch in depth. After potting, water them thoroughly and put in a cool, dark place for six or eight weeks. Water very sparingly until the flower buds appear, then increase the supply. Give plenty of fresh air, sunshine and water, guard against too hot a temperature, and the results are pretty sure to be satisfactory. By bringing the pots to the light at different times, a succession of bloom can be obtained.

After blooming, continue to water as long as the leaves keep green; when they begin to turn yellow, stop watering, lay the pots on their sides in a dry place until fall, when the bulbs can be repotted and started again.

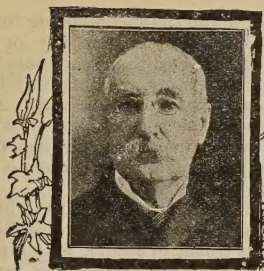
Mr. Wilhelm Miller, in the *Cyclopedia of Horticulture*, says: "Sooner or later all good gardeners yield to the fascination of bulbous plants, and whoever has not yet succeeded in growing *Ixias* has something to live for."—*F. B.*

THE HYACINTH.

Fresh importations of Holland bulbs produce the first season Hyacinth blooms that are simply faultless. Many amateurs expect the same superb florescence the second spring, and are disappointed to find that the bulbs have degenerated. This is a thing in connection with the purchase and cultivation of the Hyacinth that ought to be understood better. It would encourage buying and cultivating of this peerless flower, and save disappointment. Experts say the Hyacinth bulbs are sent from Holland when at their maximum. They are ripe and ready to flower with all their concentrated strength. Suitable treatment is all that is called for. The flower enfolded in the bulb is insured. Not one fine bulb out of forty will fail to give entire satisfaction. Now, the experts say further, that when this fully matured bulb flowers, it begins to make off-shoots or bulblets. The main strength of the bulb has gone to flower, and what is left is expended in propagating the new bulbs surrounding it; consequently, the second year's Hyacinth blooms will not be as perfect as the first.

Now, let us reason about the matter. We can buy the best bulbs each fall and after the first superb flowers have been enjoyed, content ourselves with waiting a year or two for the offspring or new bulbs to mature. This they will be sure to do, and will be much more numerous than the first planting, obviously, because every bulb will have produced several new ones of a kind like itself. Then, make it a rule every fall to get a fresh supply of Holland bulbs. They will bloom royally while the new formation is getting to blooming proportions. We can have the best, second-best, and the promise of others to come.

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FLOWER GOSSIP

By Eben E. Rexford.

NOTES OF THE PAST SEASON.

Black Beauty has proved, with me, to be one of the best dark-colored Cannas I have ever grown. A mass of it, flanked by light-colored sorts, has been extremely effective from the color standpoint, and I predict that it will become a standard variety.

The Geranium originated by Henry Eicholz, of Waynesboro, Pa., and sent out for the first time, this season, under the name of America, has given a good account of itself. Heretofore we have had some good salmon-pink varieties, so far as individual flowers were concerned, but they had serious drawbacks when used as bedders. Some burned in the sun, others were shy bloomers, and others soon took on a ragged look. It has not been so with this new candidate for favor. Certainly the past summer has been hot enough to burn any variety not entirely sun-proof, but the bed in my garden has stood the heat perfectly. The foliage darkened under its effect, but did not discolor, and the flowers kept the cheerful look of early summer throughout the terribly intense heat of July. Its habit is perfection—close, compact, and never straggling, with such an abundance of flowers at all times as to almost cover the plants. As a bedder of this color it is quite equal in all respects to the old favorite, Gen. Grant, and its habit of growth is superior to that. Next year will see it grown very extensively by those who have just become acquainted with its many merits.

"Eben E. Rexford" is the name of a new variety originated by Mr. Eicholz, which has not yet been put on the market. I believe it is to be introduced the coming season. Of course I will be pardoned for having a tender feeling towards the plant, as we are always supposed to for our namesakes, but I would have been pleased with it under any other name. It is a soft, bright pink in color, with a conspicuous white eye. Single. Flower large, and of fine shape. Its habit is close and short-jointed, and very floriferous. My experience with it has been confined to one plant, which has been kept in a pot, therefore I am unable to say what it would do in the open ground. As a variety for the window I think it must become a general favorite. It has been a constant bloomer with me, and visitors to my greenhouse have spoken in very enthusiastic terms of it.

Browallia speciosa major has given the best of satisfaction this summer, as a bedder. Last winter I grew it in the greenhouse where it was covered with flowers from December to May. "Covered" is the term to use, for so plentiful was its bloom that the plant was literally a mass of blue. In spring, seedlings which had appeared about the old plants were planted in the beds, as an edging, and here they blossomed as freely as the parent plants had in the greenhouse. It had the effect of a greatly improved *Lobelia*, when used in the garden. Visitors mistook it for a variety of that plant, at a little distance, as the habit of growth is somewhat similar. All the care given it, during the season, was to clip the ends of its branches once in awhile. This caused the production of new branches, and every branch was loaded down with blossoms. I have never seen it grown as a bedding plant elsewhere, but it deserves attention along this line, with those who admire blue flowers.

The new rose, "Gruss und Teplitz," has not disappointed me as a bedder. True, it is not entitled to a place in the class with *Sunset*, and *Perle des Jardins*, and other aristocrats of the ever-blooming family, but it deserves a great deal of attention because it is one of the roses which can be depended on without coaxing. It is an improved *Queen's Scarlet*, with a delicious fragrance which makes it quite as desirable as any of the high-bred teas, in this respect. Last winter it behaved splendidly in the greenhouse, flowering as freely as *Agrippina*, and as constantly as *Hermosa*, and when you can say that of a new rose, you are saying a good deal in its favor.

Last spring Mr. C. W. Ward, of the Cottage Gardens, Queens, N. Y., sent me a lot of new

ety that has ever approached it, so far as my knowledge goes, is *Mary Hallock Foote*, and that variety was too shy a bloomer to become very popular. *Honore de Balzac* is a realization of what *Mary Hallock Foote* hinted at. *Crabbe*, *Chateaubriand*, *Hall Caine*, *Mark Twain*, *Dorothy Burroughs*, *Gen. Kuchener*, *Pink Domino*—all are superb, and as far ahead of the ordinary *Geranium* as a *Marechal Neil* rose is ahead of a *Sweetbrier*. This is putting it pretty strong, I admit, but see those new *Geraniums* and I know you will agree with me.

For the last two seasons I have been growing *Rudbeckia fulgida* in the garden, and I am more enthusiastic over it each season. It has a single flower, of rich orange, with a cone-like center of dark brown contrasting finely with the petals. It grows to the height of about three feet, and branches so freely that a plant is a rounded mass of flowering points by the first of August, as wide as it is high. It begins to bloom about the first of August, but it will not be in its prime before the first of September. I think I could count a thousand flowers to every plant. Such a show of yellow I have never seen from any other plant. *Rudbeckia Golden Glow* is thrown completely in the shade by it, so far as mass of color goes, and as for general effect, I prefer it to that variety. It is more satisfactory in every way. It never "sprawls," it can't for its stalks are too thick and sturdy to allow that; its foliage never discolors, if it did it wouldn't matter much, for the flowers hide it; and it never takes on that ragged, disreputable look which characterizes *Golden Glow* along towards the close of the season. *R. fulgida* looks just as well at the close of the season as at any time during that period, and holds its own up to the coming of cold weather. It is excellent for cutting. It has only one drawback that I have been able to discover—there is always a fly in the amber, you know—and that is, it is inclined to reproduce itself as freely as any weed, and as it is a hardy perennial it might become a nuisance if allowed to escape from the limits of the garden.—Eben E. Rexford.



COSMOS SULPHUREUS.

Geraniums for trial. Some of them were seedlings of his own raising, I think, and some were imported varieties. Their flowers have been revelations in the *Geranium* world. Such flowers! Some over two inches across, with petals so wide that they overlapped each other, thus making the flower as solid in outline as a *Pansy*, and such colors! *Scarlets* that fairly dazzle the eye with their intensity, pinks of the most delicate hue and tint, carmines that are almost as brilliant as the scarlets, and combinations of dark and light colors in the same flower, thus giving us a bloom that rivals the *Pelargonium* in variegated effect. But the gem of the whole collection, according to my notion, was the variety named *Honore de Balzac*, a large white with a ring of most delicate salmon-rose near the center of the flower. It is an ideal *Geranium* in every way. If it will bloom as freely in winter as it has done with me this summer—that is, as long as I would allow it to,—I shall be delighted, for we have long wanted just such a *geranium* for winter use. The only vari-

Cosmos.

No brighter, prettier flower has ever been introduced than *cosmos*, and its fine delicately-cut foliage adds to the beauty of the plant. The fact that it blooms almost too late for northern latitudes tends to keep it from general cultivation here, disappointment being the rule rather than the exception in regard to its blossoming. It certainly is aggravating to watch the growth of the plant from day to day, use all possible endeavors to bring it early into flower, and then, just as one's hopes are about to be realized, have an untimely frost cut it down to the ground.

Our southern friends are more fortunate than we; not only will the common species bloom for them but a yellow-flowered species, *cosmos sulphureus*, or *Giant Yellow Cosmos*, makes gay their gardens all through the fall, a companion of the *chrysanthemums*, *dahlias* and *asters*.

Cosmos sulphureus differs from the fern-leaved kind. The leaves are not so finely divided, though handsomely cut, and the plant has a more vigorous growth. The blossoms are large, of a bright sulphur yellow, exceedingly showy, and literally cover the plant with bloom, even after light frosts.



Narcissus Paper White. Lily of the Valley.

PLANTS FOR WINTER BLOOMING.

As autumn approaches, the thoughts of flower lovers turn to the sitting room or kitchen window, and one begins to wonder how many and what of the treasures of the garden may be saved from frost and kept free from the insects that just love an outdoor plant transplanted to a pot in the house. If one has a dozen or two fuchsias, geraniums, heliotropes, etc., she is apt to feel that she must save them any way, and as past experience has not been of the most encouraging kind, she is not unlikely to decide that she will leave them undisturbed in their beauty as long as possible. The result is that some cold night when there is danger of frost the plants are torn out in a hurry, perhaps cramped into pots too small for them, and huddled into the house where they more than fill the place allotted to them and present a sorry spectacle for several weeks.

Of course it is hard to leave one of these beauties in the ground to freeze, but often it may be better to do so. Just try the following method once: Go over your garden the first of September and select one plant of each kind of geranium, coleus, heliotrope, fuchsia, or other tender plant that you wish to save. Except in the case of the heliotrope, it may be better to take a small or medium sized plant rather than a large one, then make up your mind to let the rest go with the tender annuals, unless you have a good cellar in which to keep them. Some people succeed in wintering geraniums by shaking the dirt from the roots in the fall and hanging the plants upside down in the top of the cellar. Whether thus saved or not, these plants may be left undisturbed several weeks longer, but those selected for the house must be taken up at once and each placed in a pot large enough for it. Prune it well (heliotropes do best for me when cut back to within three or four inches of the soil, nearly every bit of green being removed, but other plants may not need such vigorous treatment) and then set the pot back in the place from which the plant was removed, putting the same side toward the south as before. The probability is that half of the plants will hardly know they have been disturbed, but will go on growing, and when the cold snap comes in October they will be all ready to bring in at a minute's notice.

Now, having taken only a selected few of these tender plants, you can experiment a little with some of the regular summer favorites. Sow a few morning glory seeds in a hanging pot for a northeast or northwest window—there's a kind on pur-

pose for the house, but the regular hardy ones will give lovely blossoms a little smaller and a little paler than their summer sisters. Take up a few little plants of sweet alyssum, lobelia, forget-me-not and annual larkspur that may be found under the beds of these plants. The larkspur especially will give even brighter blossoms than in summer if given a place in a sunny window. Plant a few seeds of schizanthus, nasturtium or mimulus, take up a petunia or two, but don't try verbenas, pansies nor carnations unless you have a cool room with a place for them in it close to the glass.

The woman who neglects to provide herself with a few bulbs for winter blooming, loses one of the delights of existence. By the side of a hyacinth or a freesia or a narcissus the geraniums and begonias have an artificial appearance. And when the bulbs begin to push through the soil of the flower pots in December, they really make one feel that spring is already on the way.

Not all bulbs thrive in the care of amateurs, and yet some of the handsomest tulips that the writer ever saw—and the tulip is considered one of the most difficult for house culture—grew and blossomed in the window of a sitting room that was heated by a coal stove. The room had two windows looking toward the southeast, one toward the southwest and one toward the northeast, and the plants were moved frequently so as to catch the sun. The room also was well aired each day by opening the windows, of course the plants were not allowed to get too strong or too prolonged an Arctic breeze. The tulip bulbs were planted in October, three in a pot unless the pots were too small—that is, four inches in circumference—in which case one was given a tenement by itself, and the pots were placed on a shelf in the cellar and some old rugs thrown over them to keep all as dark as possible. The soil was moist when the bulbs were planted, just below the surface, and was moistened again if it showed signs of drying up. Once a week the rugs were lifted and a peep taken to see if any plant was starting, and as soon as one got half an inch above the soil the pot was brought up and set under some shelves in the

windows, the place under the shelves being further darkened by cloth curtains. After a day or two the curtains were raised, and then the pots were placed on the shelves, a rainy or cloudy day being preferred for the day of the coming out. Not a green louse appeared on these tulips all winter and the blossoms were superb, as were also those on some hyacinths and polyanthus narcissus that were treated in the same way.

If one doesn't have good luck with window plants, owing to too hot rooms, gas, or insufficient ventilation, the best thing, of course, is to remedy these evils; but if this cannot be done try Roman hyacinths, white, pink and blue, and the paper white narcissus. If anything will grow, they will. These are as easily grown, perhaps more so, as the Narcissus Orientalis, which the Chinaman has made so popular under the name of Chinese lily.

The Lily of the Valley, too, can be very easily and successfully grown in the house. The dainty, pure white, exquisitely fragrant blossoms, so gracefully arranged on the slender stems, make them ideal plants for indoor culture.

Above all try the Freesia, if you have not already done so. The Freesia scorns the month of seclusion in the cellar or other dark place, that is so necessary to other bulbs, and begins to sprout as soon as planted wherever you put it. I have found it best, however, to set the pots in a north window or at a little distance from a sunny window until the buds appear. Don't be discouraged if some morning you find these buds completely covered with green lice. Rinse the intruders off and give the plants a bath every morning. When these sweet-scented flowers appear they will more than repay you for all your trouble.

The Allium Neapolitanum is one of the plants that blossom as freely in real life as they do in the plant catalogues. As they cost but a cent or two apiece nobody can do without this plant on the ground of expense. The Fritillaria with me has not been a free bloomer, though each plant has given a blossom or two. The white star-like flowers of the Tritelia, however, have appeared at intervals all winter, their only failing being that the stems give an unpleasant odor when the flowers are picked.

OCTOBER'S MANTLE.

September thought to weave a web
Of Nature's skill the proof,
With summer wild flowers for the warp
And sunshine for the woof.
And fearing lest she might perchance
Be quickly called away,
She labored with untiring zeal
From dawn till close of day.

Not for herself was all this time
And priceless labor spent,
But of a sister's kind regard
A choice expression meant.
So when the rare design was wrought
In colors rich and warm,
She threw the gorgeous mantle o'er
October's graceful form.

—Susan E. Kennedy.



An Experience With Roses.

Jack and I had enjoyed as many hobbies as the years of our married life, which were four; first it had been ducks, then photography, then chickens, and then, yes it came at last as it surely will, the only wonder being that we didn't get it sooner—roses!

The desire for roses struck us, as you would say about measles, in the worst possible form. Did you ever notice that flower cranks are the worst cranks in existence? In almost every other hobby there is a middle plane where the crankist sometimes stops to rest, so to speak, oftentimes forgetting to go on; but with flowers, no such plane exists; you simply run the full limit or none. So beware of adopting a hobby for flowers, and especially roses.

It came about in this fashion: At the first, the chickens had been a pronounced success, and we had proudly carried to the house each evening such quantities of eggs, that Jack had come to declare that each hen on the place laid two eggs per day. Now as to the truth of this assertion I couldn't say, but they more than sufficed our needs, so that quite a few found their way to the village store, and were exchanged for groceries. That was a proud time to be sure, but pride precedes a fall. Those chickens were, as Jack said, "playing us," for in a very short time the egg supply stopped short; only a forlorn egg once in a great while which, by careful computation, we estimated as costing us thirty-seven and a half cents apiece. And when one morning we found Madame Pompadour, the most aristocratic dowager of our barn-yard, cold and dead, our despair knew no bounds. Janet, Agnes, Henrietta and DeWolf Hopper, followed suit, and then it was that Jack curled his nose contemptuously, and remarked that he never thought much of chickens anyhow! The rest of the chickens were gotten rid of and then came a problem, what to do with our spare time?

Of course it came about through a catalogue. What those makers of flower catalogues will have to account for! We had studied those papers attentively, and had begun to have "hankerings," when a number devoted to roses fell into our hands, and presto—the work was done!

"Why it's as easy as anything," exclaimed Jack. "All you've got to do is to follow directions, and there you are."

"Well, we followed the chicken book exactly, Jack, you know." I ventured to say.

I received no answer to this flippant remark, for Jack rose excitedly to his feet and declared, that life without roses was unbearable, and ended dramatically with: "As for me, give me roses or give me death."

That settled it, and as we never allowed the grass to grow under our feet when a new plan was in project, we immediately proceeded to business. It took only a few moments to decide where the bed should be, and then we fell to excavating, refusing the hired man's offer of assistance. These roses were to be the outcome of our own toil, no one else was "in it." I sat on a convenient stump offering suggestions and reading directions from "The Culture of the Rose," while Jack kept at the digging, and if he regretted refusing Davy's offer to help, he manfully made no sign.

Our bed had a northern exposure, but was out in the open, where the sun, rain and air had full play, and where a large elm would contribute a

fair amount of shade in the extreme heat of the day. We dug out the soil about two and a half feet, and for drainage filled in about a foot with stones, broken tile and brick-bats, and then the top soil was added. The cow lot and the horse stable were visited when the soil was made up, each contributing a share, and some rich rotted sod and sandy garden soil were also added. This took the best part of a week, but finally the work was completed to our satisfaction, and the bed was ready awaiting its occupants.

It took lots of discussion and argument to make out the order for the flowers, for Jack's taste runs to red, and he would insist on ordering every red rose mentioned; but finally it was finished to the satisfaction of both, and mailed, and then we filled in the time of waiting for their arrival by planning the disposal of them when the garden would be nodding with the fragrant beauties.

It was an exciting moment when the box was finally brought round from the express office and

voking little insect as determined as we ourselves. And then, so determined were we to do everything that the "The Culture of the Rose" recommended, we fell to dosing them with every concoction mentioned for the expulsion of the rose slug. Some were so vile-smelling that Nora, our girl, gave notice on the spot; and strangers passing the house would put their fingers to their noses in anything but a polite way, and the Town Improvement Association, which had been organized for the purpose of encouraging floriculture in order to beautify the town, abruptly disbanded.

Of course this was discouraging; but the more people complained the more we worked, and—the worse the roses looked! Jack was becoming peaked and white, and his friends knowing his new hobby and the disappointment he was meeting with, would begin to whistle at his approach, "Last Rose of Summer," and "Roses White and Roses Red," until Jack threatened to hoe up the roses and turn his attention to sunflowers.

Nevertheless we still kept at it, hovering over the roses, not willing to give up hope.

"Jack," I exclaimed one morning, "there is one thing we're doing that 'The Culture of the Rose' doesn't mention."

"What's that?" inquired Jack.

"We are simply killing these roses with kindness; we don't give them opportunity to grow," I answered.

"Must be something in it; well, if it has to be, guess we could manage to 'let up' a little."

"Let up" a little we did. On that I was determined, and the way we avoided that rose bed was something to remember. We saw that they received the proper amount of water; Davy looked at us with a peculiar stare the first time he received that order, doubtless remembering our refusals of aid at the start, and I'm sure I heard him mutter as he turned away something about "our us people."

We gave ourselves three weeks as the limit, and though it was hard work, we heroically kept away from them. Davy in the meantime gave them all the attention they received, and we had even limited him regarding that. The last few days of the time-limit though, we noticed that he stepped around with such a look of importance that it became well nigh unbearable. But time passed, as it has a way of doing, and at last we stood in petrified amazement before our roses. We looked at each other in astonishment, scarce be-

lieving our eyes. Each delicate little plant had become a very sturdy little plant, and there were actually several perfect blossoms and tiny buds galore. Our delight knew no bounds and there is no reason why our success shouldn't be yours. After that we found the directions to be all right, but after experimenting with poisons for the slug, we rather preferred the Bordeaux as the best, using it in the early morning, when the little pests are on the upper side of the leaves, and we usually commence its use early in the spring when the first tender shoots are making their appearance. One other thing we learned to do, though at first it was hard work, to cut our blossoms with extremely long stems; we found the pruning assisted new growth, and that in turn produced the buds, so we were reconciled to it.

Well, Jack's the happiest mortal in the town; our rose bed is a continual source of pleasure, the great bunches of bloom that we anticipated are actual facts, and why shouldn't we be happy?

N. B.—There is talk of reorganizing the Town Improvement Association with Jack as president. —Elizabeth Butler Stevenson.



Narcissus Biflorus.



HIS two-flowered narcissus has been a favorite of mine from childhood. It blooms in June after all bulbous flowers of its kind have flowered and gone to rest. The odor of the bloom is distinctly balsamic, and sweeter far than any other narcissus. The peculiar habit of blooming late with June roses had always puzzled me; besides there are several differences between this and the early flowering narcissus. The growth is so neat, just two flowers, twins, upon each smooth, straight stem. This makes them admirable for bouquets and vases of cut flowers. The color is white, barely tinged with cream, and the corolla single, saucer-shaped, with a cup of pure gold in the centre. The foliage is grass-like, resembling the jonquil rather than the common run of narcissus.

"As said before," this is one of the sweet old flowers beloved since childhood days on the old plantation, where the big front yard running over with flowers had in it clumps and clumps of it that bloomed every June, and never within my recollection were taken up and reset. They ran in among the yard-grasses, "sweet vernal" and "Kentucky blue," and bloomed under the silver-leaved poplars and cut-leaved birches, always beautiful and sweet, and always in large quantities.

Of late years I have not seen this June narcissus, nor could I trace it; florists have sent me every other kind, but not this. I searched catalogues faithfully, but could never find it until I came across an old botanical work out of print, which pictured and described the "Primrose Peerless" or "Narcissus-Biflorus." At once I recognized my old favorite. The old botanists have it among the primulas. It is worth bringing forward and of receiving an introduction under its own name among the spring flowering bulbs that are to be planted in autumn.

There are few flowers so perfectly hardy and free, none sweeter and fairer. The bulbs will naturalize themselves in one place from year to year, blooming regularly for four weeks in June, without cultivation; but I dare say the flowers would be the better for due care in the way of new beds and fresh resetting every few years, and a top dressing annually of rich compost, before winter settles over the earth. — Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

Winter Storage of Summer Bulbs.

Cannas. Lift from the garden after the frost has touched the foliage, allowing all the soil that will do so, to adhere to the roots. Pack in open top boxes, shallow ones preferred. Allow but one layer of bulbs to each box. Cannas are of tropical origin and are averse to cold weather. They winter well in a light frost-proof cellar, or a room that can be kept at about 45°. Keep the soil slightly moist. Being kept too wet or allowed to go dust-dry, is apt to ruin the cannas.

Dahlias. Cut away the stalks within six inches of the ground after the foliage has been killed by frost. Before the ground freezes, and if possible before the heavy fall rains, lift the clumps of dahlias with all the earth you can. If the soil is very wet, let the clumps stand in some shed or room where they will have a chance to dry out a little before taking to the cellar, where they can be placed on boards raised a foot or two from the cellar floor. Or they may be lifted and the soil all shaken from them, dried out a little in some shed or chamber, and then stored in boxes with or without sand and placed in the cellar. If there

are only a few clumps they may be placed directly on top of the vegetables in bins or barrels. Do not separate the tuber in the clumps until spring.

Caladiums. Lift the caladiums and shake off nearly all the soil. Trim off the outer leaves, but leave the undeveloped center stalk and leaves. Do not crowd too many into one box, but pack in small sized boxes, with two or three inches of soil over the roots.

These cannot be sent to the cellar as it will be too damp there for them, but must be kept in a dry room in a temperature considerably (at least 8 or 10 degrees) above freezing. Caladiums are lifted when in a growing state, and the bulb, or corm, is in an undeveloped condition. As soon as growth stops, the corm will develop inside the sheaf of leaf stalks and just above the roots of the plant.

When the leaf stalks are ripened and dried, they may be pulled off the corm, which will keep all right in any warm, dry closet.

Gladoli. should be lifted some sunny day and spread on a bench, shelf or table out of doors, if possible. Do not lift the gladoli until the foliage has ripened.

Leave the bulbs out-door several pleasant days, covering them nights. After the husks and soil are dry, cut off the stalks within a few inches of the bulb. Leave in some dry warm room a week or two or until the stalks will separate easily from the bulbs, when they may all be removed and the bulbs stored anywhere where they will not freeze. Do not remove the husks from the bulbs until planting out time.

Agapanthus hardly comes under the name of bulb, but a word about its winter storage may not come amiss. They should be stored in a light, dry but not too warm cellar. (Mine usually sit where they get an hour or two of sunshine every pleasant day.) Give only enough water to keep the soil slightly moist. Bring from the cellar in March, if possible, and give them a sunny situation in a cool, not cold, room.



Tritoma, may be taken up and set in boxes with plenty of soil, kept slightly moist, and stored in any cellar where vegetables will keep fairly well. If you have any room for it where it will not freeze bring from the cellar early in March, give plenty of water, and as soon as the weather will admit get the boxes outdoor, and the plants into the ground as soon as it is warm enough not to freeze nights. Better pry the boxes apart and disturb the roots as little as possible in transplanting.

—L. Dee.

Loyalty.

Purple and gold the asters hold,
In roadsides dry and dusty;
When grass curls down on hillsides brown,
And vines hang limp and rusty.
Stout hearts have they to laugh and flout
Untarnished robes and royal,
When others faint, or make complaint,
They are to autumn loyal.

—Mary H. Coates.

The Hyacinth.

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The new bulbs will make the best blooms; last year's will make second best, and the young bulbs promise much for the future in the way of more numerous flowers, and in many cases just as fine as they were in the first instance. The Hyacinths come so early, are so sweet and so beautiful that we feel disposed to remove any objections there may be to their culture.

Beginning with the Roman Hyacinth, which should be bedded early in the fall, (September and October) continue until late in November to bed out the large single and double flowered sorts. And for indoor blooming "continue and weary not" in potting bulbs from September till December. This successive potting, with intervals of a week or two between times, keeps up the bloom from Christmas till spring flowers come again. When ordering Hyacinths, be sure and inform your florist if they are intended for indoor blooming or for bedding out. One thing to bear in mind "always and ever," is to keep potted bulbs darkened for four or six weeks, before bringing them forward to the light. This gives the roots time to form. Exposing the bulbs to light and heat causes them to make undue development above soil, when there are not working forces below, in well formed roots. When pots are set away in darkened places, they must have a dwelling place in memory and not be left to dry out. Moisture and good drainage are quite essential to development. Pots with saucers are the best, for neatness, and also for preserving the moisture. — Mrs. G. T. Drennan.

Goldenrod.

By Elaine Goodale.

When the wayside tangles blaze
In the low September sun,
When the flowers of Summer days
Droop and wither, one by one,
Reaching up through brush and brier,
Sumptuous brow and heart of fire,
Flaunting high the wind-rocked plume,
Brave with wealth of native bloom,—
Goldenrod!

When the meadow, lately shorn,
Parched and languid, swoons with pain,
When her life-blood, night and morn,
Shrinks with every throbbing vein,
Round her fallen, tarnished urn,
Leaping watch-fires brighter burn;
Royal arch o'er Autumn's gate,
Bending low with lustrous weight,—
Goldenrod!

In the pasture's rude embrace,
All o'errun with tangled vines,
Where the thistle claims its place,
And the straggling hedge confines,
Bearing still the sweet impress
Of unfettered loveliness,
In the field and by the wall,
Binding, clasping, crowning all,—
Goldenrod!



Nature lies disheveled, pale,
With her feverish lips apart,—
Day by day the pulses fail,
Nearer to her bounding heart;
Yet that slackened grasp doth hold
Store of pure and genuine gold;
Quick thou comest, strong and free,
Type of all the wealth to be,—
Goldenrod!

Count Waldemar.

By
Stanley Littell.

I.

It was in Homburg that I first met him. I had finished the noonday breakfast which I always take at the Cursaal, and was sitting on the terrace in front of that establishment, smoking the one morning cigar allowed me by my doctor, and contemplating with indolent satisfaction the sunny gardens before me and all the soft lights and shades that lay upon the distant woods, when he came clattering down the steps of the restaurant in his tight blue hussar uniform, his Hessian boots, and flat forage-cap, and pulling up suddenly within a few paces of my chair, began to slap his breast and rummage in his scanty coat-tail pockets in search of something which was evidently not to be found there. He was a tall, handsome young fellow, with clear blue eyes and a fair moustache, a young fellow of a type by no means uncommon in the German army; but something—I don't know whether it was his size, or his good looks, or a prophetic instinct—attracted my attention to him at once. A slight cloud overspread his features as he realized the futility of his search, and for a moment or two he seemed uncertain what to do next; but presently, becoming aware of the scrutiny of an elderly Englishman of benevolent aspect, he cheered up, as with a certain inspiration, and approaching me in a couple of strides, raised his right hand to the side of his cap, bowed very low from the waist, and gratified me with one of the brightest smiles I had ever seen upon a human countenance.

"I have done a most stupid thing," said he, speaking with a strong German accent, but without hesitation or a shadow of embarrassment; "I have left my *Cigarrenetut* at the hotel. Dare I give myself the liberty to ask if you have a cigar to spare in your pocket?"

Of course I handed him my case without further ado. I suppose that no man living could be churl enough to refuse such a request; but I was amused by it nevertheless; for it was one that an Englishman would have died rather than address to a total stranger; and indeed, the article required was to be purchased close at hand in the Cursaal restaurant, where my esteemed friend M. Chevet keeps some of the choicest brands.

The young officer, however, had his reasons for not choosing to avail himself of this convenient proximity, and disclosed them with engaging candor, after taking a light from me.

"Now this a very good cigar," he was kind enough to remark, seating himself astride upon an iron chair. "If I would buy such a one by Chevet, I would have to pay a mark for him. One mark—yes, that is what they have asked me last night—it is unheard of! For you Englishmen, who pay without bargaining, that is very well; but we Germans" (*Chairmans* he pronounced it) "are not fool—I mean, we know better what is the fair price."

His ease of manner was simply inimitable; I have never seen anything like it before or since. It arose, I imagine, from that unsuspecting goodwill towards the world at large which makes children who are not afflicted with shyness such charming companions. I was delighted with him. He chatted away so pleasantly and amusingly for a quarter of an hour that I was quite sorry when a formidable posse of comrades in arms—dragoons, uhlands, hussars, and I know not what other specimens of the imperial German cavalry—came clanking along the terrace, and carried him off with

them. Before this he had given me his card, which bore the name of Count Waldemar von Ravensburg; had informed me that he held a lieutenant's commission in a Wurtemberg hussar regiment and was in Homburg for the purpose of riding in some proposed military steeplechases; and had strongly advised me to dine that evening at the Hessischer Hof, where he said I should get good German fare, greatly superior to the spurious French cooking of the more fashionable hotels.

"I shall be dining there myself, mit all my friends," he added, by way of final inducement.

Under ordinary circumstances such a consideration as this would have sufficed of itself to drive me elsewhere in search of my evening sustenance; for sincerely as I appreciate the many amiable social qualities of German officers, I know that these gentlemen are when a number of them get together, and I am fond neither of being deafened nor of having to bellow like a skipper in a gale of wind, in order to make my own remarks audible. But I had taken such a fancy to Count Waldemar, he struck me as so genial and original a type of fellow-creature, that I was loth to lose any opportunity of prosecuting my acquaintance with him; and accordingly the dinner-hour (half-past five) found me at the door of the little Hessischer Hof.

A most cacophonous din burst upon my ears, as I entered, from an assemblage of spurred and uniformed warriors, who, as the manner of their nation is, were exchanging civilities in accents suggestive of furious indignation. My young hussar detached himself from the group, greeted me with the warmth of an old friend, and presented me to each of his comrades in turn.

"Meester Cleefford—Herr von Blechow, Herr von Rochow, Herr von Katsow, Herr von Wallwitz, Herr von Zedlitz, Herr von Zeschwitz," etc., etc. Perhaps these were not their names; indeed, now I come to think of it, I believe they ran into considerably more syllables; but it does not much matter. They were all very polite, and indeed were as pleasant and jovial a set of youths as one could wish to meet. During dinner the conversation turned chiefly upon races and steeplechases, giving opportunity for many thrilling anecdotes, and with our dessert we had some sweet champagne, over which we grew very merry and noisy.

When it was all over, Count Waldemar hooked his arm within mine, and in this familiar fashion we strolled out into the street, where (for it was early in August) broad daylight still reigned, and slant sunrays from the west streamed upon the long row of yellow droschkes with their patient, net-covered horses, upon the shiny hats of the drivers, upon the trim orange-trees in their green tubs, and upon the distinguished visitors—English almost exclusively—who, by twos and threes, were slowly wending their way towards the terrace, where the band would soon strike up. Gusts of cool, fresh air were sweeping down from the blue Taunus range, setting the little flags upon the Cursaal fluttering, and banging a shutter here and there. Imagine to yourself a stalwart young hussar, moving with that modicum of swagger from which no cavalry man that ever lived is quite free, and which very tight clothes render to some extent compulsory upon their wearer; imagine, arm-in-arm with him, an Englishman of something under middle height and something over middle age, clad in a grey frock-coat and trousers and tall white hat, and you will have be-

fore your mind's eye a picture which, I grieve to think, is not wholly wanting in elements of the ridiculous.

I have reason to believe that the droschke-drivers saw it in this light; I fear that my compatriots did; I know that I did myself. But I am perfectly sure that the excellent Count Waldemar was not only free from the faintest suspicion that our appearance could provoke a smile, but that he never could have been brought to understand in the least why it should do so. No one could laugh louder or longer than he, upon occasion; but then he must have something to laugh at; and it would have been impossible to convince him that there could be any joke in the simple fact of two gentlemen walking together arm-in-arm. He was in all things the most completely unconscious mortal I have ever known.

For my own part, I am not ashamed to confess—or rather I *am* ashamed, but do confess—that the notion of being promenaded up and down the terrace, under the eyes of all my friends and acquaintances, by this long-legged and rather loud-voiced young officer alarmed me so much that I was fain to insist upon leading him down one of the more secluded alleys. He did not want to walk that way; he said we should neither hear the music nor see the people there; but I pointed out to him that it would be impossible for me to give my whole attention to his conversation in a crowd; and so, being a most good-natured soul, he yielded, and went on chatting about Stuttgart, and his regiment, and his brother officers, and his horses, in all of which subjects he seemed to think that I must be greatly interested. And so indeed I was—or, at least, in his treatment of them.

Just as we reached the point where the Untere Promenade crosses the Cursaal gardens we were met by a party of English people—an old lady, three young ones, and a couple of men carrying shawls—who came up the steps talking and laughing, and passed on towards the band. I should not have noticed them particularly had not a sudden convulsive jerk of my captive arm made me aware that my companion had some reason for feeling moved by their vicinity. The manner in which he paused, and, gazing after them, profoundly sighed, would have sufficiently revealed the nature of that reason, even if he had intended to conceal it—which of course he did not.

"Now I shall tell you something," said he, with an air of confidential candor all his own. "The lady you see there—the tall one who is walking alone—it is she whom I mean to make my wife."

"Indeed?" I answered. "I am sorry, then, that I did not look at her more closely. May I venture to ask her name?"

"Ah, diess I cannot just tell you. But it begins mit an S—that I know; for I have seen the monogram upon her fan."

"Your love affair is not very far advanced then?"

"Advanced? no; it is not yet commenced; but that is no matter. I have three whole days more to spend here, and in three days one may do much. Oh, and we do not see one another now for the first time. Last summer we have met in a bath."

"In a bath!" I echoed, rather startled.

"You do not say bath—no? Well, in a watering place. It is true that I have not been able to make myself acquaint mit her; but my eyes have

spoken. I think she has perhaps understood. And now I was thinking at dinner that *you* might present me."

"To the lady? My dear sir, I should like nothing better; but unfortunately I never saw her before in my life."

"*Versteht sich!* That is no difficulty. You are English—she is English; you have friends here who will certainly know her."

I interrupted my impetuous companion by observing that he was evidently under some misapprehension as to the social relations of the English abroad. Even upon the doubtful supposition that the unknown lady and I had some common acquaintance in Homburg, it by no means followed that I could venture to request an introduction to her for myself—still less for a friend.

"Besides," I added, "all sorts of people travel nowadays; this lady may be a duchess, or she may be a tailor's daughter. In the first case, you see, she would probably decline to have anything to say to me; and in the second I should not particularly care about knowing her."

He appeared to be rather surprised than shaken by these objections. For a few seconds he contemplated me wonderingly, stroking his mustache, and murmuring, "What a pitee!" but his self-confidence was not long in returning to him.

"Never mind!" he resumed cheerfully; "we must make the attempt—that can do no harm. You will try to make yourself presented to her tonight, and if you succeed, you will present me tomorrow morning."

I don't think it struck him for a moment that there was anything cool in this proposal. He uttered it in the most matter-of-fact tone in the world, patted me encouragingly on the shoulder, and then, remarking that Herr von Wallwitz would be waiting for him, said he would leave me to accomplish my mission. I afterwards found that he was in the habit of issuing his behests in this calm manner, and that, somehow or other, they were generally obeyed.

Whether it was owing to the power of Count Waldemar's reliance upon human friendliness, or to the pliancy of my own nature, which has led me into many a scrape first and last, I can't say; but certain it is that in this instance he gained his point. For, as chance would have it, the very first person whom I met on returning to the terrace, where the lamps were now lighted, and where the fashionable world of Homburg was gossiping, flirting, and promenading to the accompaniment of an excellent band, was little Tommy Tufnell, who knows, or says he knows, everybody from the Prince of Wales downwards; and as, immediately after this encounter, I happened to spy the fair unknown sitting in the midst of a circle of friends, I took the opportunity to ask my companion whether he could give me any information about her, at the same time expressing a careless wish to make her acquaintance. Tommy, of course, knew her perfectly well—most intimately, in fact—had known her people all his life. "She was a Miss Grey—Warwickshire Greys, you know," he observed explanatorily. He further informed me that she was a widow, and that her present name was Seymour. "Married poor Jack Seymour of the 25th Hussars," he continued. "You remember Jack, of course. No? Ah, well, he was a badish lot, poor fellow. Broke his neck out hunting—just as well perhaps. Had D. T. twice, and was not over and above kind to his wife, I'm afraid. She is here with her aunt, Mrs. Grey, and her cousins—charming people. Come along, and I'll introduce you. Upon my word, Clifford, you old fellows, when you get away from your wives, and come abroad on the loose, there's no end to the games you're up to! All safe with me, you know—shan't say anything about it to Mrs. Clifford," adds the facetious Tommy, wagging his head and nudging me after a favorite fashion of his, which I am quite sure he would abandon if he only knew how very much I dislike it.

Presently I was making my best bow before the little group of ladies above mentioned. The two young men whom I had seen entering the gar-

dens with them stopped talking and stared, evidently wondering what the deuce this tiresome old fogey wanted; but as I showed no disposition to interrupt their respective flirtations with the pretty Miss Greys, they soon began to whisper again, and ceased to notice me. Tufnell obligingly engaged Mrs. Grey, a stout, good-humored looking old person, in an animated discussion as to the effect of the Homburg waters upon suppressed gout; and Mrs. Seymour withdrew a corner of her dress from a chair which stood conveniently at her side. I availed myself of the tacit permission thus conveyed, and dropped into it, propping by the light of an adjacent gas-lamp to survey at my leisure the lady who had made so facile a conquest of Count Waldemar.

I saw a slim, but well-proportioned figure, clad in a handsome silk dress, the cut of which, even to my masculine eyes, betrayed the hand of an artist—a face neither beautiful nor plain, surmounted by a profusion of little fair curls, arranged, according to the fashion of the day, so as to conceal the forehead, a picturesque hat, a pair of diamond solitaire earrings—upon the whole a person completely unremarkable, but at the same time (to use an adjective which I abhor, but cannot replace), decidedly stylish. Why any one should have fallen in love with Mrs. Seymour at first sight it was not very easy to understand, though taking her altogether, she made a favorable impression upon me. She had a frank, pleasant smile and clear grey eyes, and talked away agreeably enough, in an easy, conventional way, about Homburg, about the recent Goodwood meeting, the latest scandal, and what not. In short she was so exactly like everybody else that I had no hesitation in crediting her with just so much of good nature, common sense, selfishness, and solid principle as are required to make up a well-balanced character, nor any doubt but that she would be quite the last woman in the world to marry a scatterbrained German hussar, after a courtship of three days' duration.

She bowed or nodded to so many of the passers-by, during the time that I was sitting beside her, that I formed a shrewd guess that, among the many obstacles which seemed to lie in the path of my audacious young friend, that most formidable one of wealth was not likely to be wanting. Later in the evening I again came across Tommy Tufnell in the Cursaal, whither I had repaired to have a look at the young people dancing before I went to bed, and I took occasion to question him upon this point.

"Oh, yes, she is very well off," answered Tommy, carelessly; "that is, comfortably off, you know—three or four thousand a year, or something like that, I should think, and no children. It would have been more if poor Seymour had gone over to the majority a little sooner. He always lived beyond his income, and latterly he lost rather heavily on the turf."

Mentally summing up, as I walked home, all that I had heard and seen of Mrs. Seymour, I came to the conclusion that to introduce Count Waldemar to her would be merely to cause disappointment to him, annoyance to her, and inconvenience to myself; and I therefore determined that I would do nothing of the sort. Had I been a little better acquainted with the young Wurtemberg, I should not have made this resolution; for I subsequently discovered him to be one of those people who invariably get their own way, where as I, for some occult reason, seldom or never get mine.

When I went down to the springs at half past seven the next morning, in obedience to the rule laid down for me by my doctor, whom should I see approaching the Elisabethen-Brunnen but Mrs. Seymour. She looked very nice and fresh in her cotton dress, and saluted me with a friendly nod and smile. Side by side we drained our bitter draught, and then, as neither of us was provided with a companion, we could not well help turning away to go through the prescribed twenty minutes of moderate exercise together. We took our way down the shady avenue so familiar to Englishmen, while the morning sun streamed through the

leaves over our heads, throwing long blue shadows from the trees across the dewy grass of the park, while the throng of water-drinkers tramped steadily up and down, and the bandmen in their kiosk scraped and tooted away as merrily as if they really enjoyed making melody at that unnatural hour. Half London met or passed us as we walked. Peers and tradesmen, judges and generals, members of Parliament and members of the stock exchange, they plodded on—they, their wives and their daughters—a queer miscellany of Anglo-Saxon samples, without a single German, barring H. S. H. the Grand Duke of Halbacker, among them. I had just pointed out this remarkable circumstance to my fair companion when a sudden grip of my left arm above the elbow warned me that I had spoken too hastily. Here, sure enough, was a German, and one who had no notion of being ignored either.

"Goot morning!" he cried cheerily. "Now this is a very fortunate thing, that I just happen to meet you."

I was not quite so sure of that; but I answered him civilly, and he hooked himself on to me without any ceremony. I resumed my conversation with Mrs. Seymour, and after we had progressed a few yards, Count Waldemar began poking me with his elbow in a way which I understood, but did not choose to notice. Finding these gentle hints of no avail, he followed them up presently by such a tremendous blow in my ribs that I positively staggered under it. I looked up at him reproachfully, shook my head, and tried to form with my lips the words, "Can't be done. Will explain afterwards." But it was no good.

"I hear not one wort von wass you say," was his response, delivered in stentorian tones; after which he continued, without lowering his voice in the least, "Will you not do me the honor to present me to madame?"

What could I do?

"Mrs. Seymour, will you allow me to introduce Count Waldemar von Ravensburg," says I, perhaps a little sulkily; and I noticed that a mischievous gleam of amusement swept across the lady's face as she returned Count Waldemar's profound bow. No doubt he had been making eyes at her with that thoroughness of purpose which distinguished his every deed.

Now that I had acted contrary to my better judgment, and done what was required of me, it obviously remained only that I should take myself off; and indeed it was time for my second glass of water. So, when we had reached the Elisabethen-Brunnen, whither we all three returned together, I judiciously caught sight of a friend, and slipped away.

While listening to the complaints of old Mr. Porteous upon the subject of his gouty toes, I kept an eye upon the count and the widow, who were sustaining an animated dialogue on the further side of the spring. I saw her finish her potion; I saw him seize the empty glass, hand it to the attendant maiden to be refilled, and drain it with a gusto for which the inherent properties of the water were hardly sufficient to account; I saw him repeat this foolhardy action twice—thrice, and then walk away at Mrs. Seymour's side as coolly as you please. I believe he would have pocketed the tumbler, like Sir Walter Scott, had not his uniform been far too tight to permit of such a proceeding.

Merciful powers! three glasses of Elisabethen straight off the reel! And I, who am allowed but two, and must walk about for twenty minutes after the first, and for an hour after the second, under peril of I know not what awful consequences! I took a couple of turns along the avenue beside Porteous's bath-chair, and then concluded my walk in the company of some other fellow-sufferers; but I heard little of what they said, for I could not take my eyes off that young man. I watched him as the islanders watched Saint Paul of old, waiting for tardy Nemesis to overtake him, and I was almost disappointed to see that he came out of the ordeal as scathless as the apostle.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



A History.

My Mamma took a piece of cloth,—
A lot of yards, I guess,—
She cut it and she sewed it
And she made herself a dress.

She wore that dress a year or two,
Perhaps she wore it three,
Then turned it on the other side
And made it up for me.

A long, long time it served for me,
Till it got old and raggy;
Then Mamma washed it clean and made
A coat for Baby Maggie.

And, when the baby'd grown too big
To wear that any more
We cut it into carpet rags
And wove it for the floor.

So, in our new rag carpet, here,
That purple stripe you see
Is made out of the Sunday clothes
Of Mamma, Mag and me.

—Harriet Brewer Sterling, in *Good Housekeeping*.

A Little Bird Told Him.

BY MARY MARSHALL PARKS.

Little Mrs. Bird built her nest in the apple-tree near the kitchen door, and before her children were half grown, Mr. Thomas Cat ate them every one. Mrs. Bird fluttered among the leaves of the apple-tree and cried for a whole day. Then she went down into the corner of the orchard, and built another nest. But Master Tommie Spratt found it, and took all the eggs away. Mrs. Bird cried over the empty nest all day. Then she went far, far away into the woods, and built another in a thorn-tree.

One morning, while she was sitting peacefully on her eggs in the nest in the thorn-tree, she heard footsteps on the stones below. She looked over the edge of the nest with startled eyes. At first she did not know whether to be afraid or not. The creature she saw had on a very short dress, but it also wore a small, round straw hat and short hair. Mrs. Bird did not know whether it was a girl or a boy. Girls were harmless creatures, she knew. Suddenly the creature jumped over a log, and whooped wildly.

"Oh me! oh me! it is a boy!" shrieked poor Mrs. Bird. She sprang from the nest and darted through the branches around and around her nest, screaming and scolding furiously.

Foolish Mrs. Bird! Why, almost any boy in the world would have been sure, from the noise she made, that she had a nest hidden there. But this boy did not know it. He was a very young boy, far too young to be wandering in the woods alone. To tell the truth, he had run away, and, although he did not know it, he was quite lost.

The boy walked on past the tree, and, after a little, Mrs. Bird lost sight of him, and settled quietly down again. After a long time she heard a queer noise, and peeping over the edge of the nest, she saw the boy coming back again. His hat was gone, his feet were covered with mud, his hands and face scratched with briars, and he had discovered that he was lost, and was sobbing bitterly. He was so tired and blinded with crying that he tottered as he walked, and, when he reached the tree where Mrs. Bird had her nest, he dropped in a weary, muddy little heap on the

dead leaves, and fell asleep.

Mrs. Bird screamed and scolded and darted about the tree, swooping so low that her wings almost brushed the boy's head, but he did not hear her.

Presently poor, distracted Mrs. Bird heard other strange sounds. She heard voices calling "Harold! Harold! Harold!" and the echoes caught up the words, and tossed them back and forth until the trees and rocks seemed to be crying "Harold! Harold!" too. But Harold did not hear. He was too sound asleep. Soon two figures appeared in the distance.

"More boys! more boys!" shrieked Mrs. Bird. "Oh, my poor eggs! What shall I do?"

They were very large boys. We should have called them men, but Mrs. Bird did know the difference. She was afraid of anything that wore trousers and short hair, and a small, round straw hat.

Suddenly one of the men stopped, and caught the other by the arm.

"Listen, Charlie!" he cried. "Do you hear that bird scolding down yonder in the thicket?"

"Yes. What of it?" said the other.

"Something has disturbed her. It may be the boy. Let us see."

"P-papa, how d-did you know where I was?" asked Harold, sleepily, when he awoke a moment later to find himself safe in his father's arms.

"Oh! a little bird told me," answered papa, laughing.—*Sunday School Times*.

Be on the Watch.

A gentleman stopped suddenly before a sign that told him messenger boys were to be had inside. He hesitated, and then went in.

"How many boys have you in just now?" he asked.

"Six," was the reply; "it's dull today."

"Then they're all here," said the gentleman, looking around, while the boys themselves were all attention, wondering "what was up."

"Boys," said the gentleman, eyeing them scrutinizingly, "I suppose you know there is an exhibition of trained dogs tonight?"

The faces of the boys showed that they were perfectly aware of that fact, and that they might even give him some points in regard to it.

"Well, I'm looking for a boy to take a blind man to see it."

A titter was the first response; then followed a variety of expressions, as: "A blind man!" "You're foolin'!" "What could a blind man see?" and "You can't guy us that way!"

"I'm not guying; I'm in earnest," said Mr. Davis, and then, looking at one of the boys who had said nothing, he asked:

"Well, what do you think of it?"

"I think I could do it," was the reply. "Yes; I'm sure I could, sir."

"How do you propose to make him see it?"

"Through my eyes sir. That's the only way he could see it."

"You're the boy I'm after," said Mr. Davis, and he arranged for him to meet the blind man.

The exhibition was in a large theater, and the blind man and his guide had a box to themselves, where they could disturb no one; but Mr. Davis, from his seat in the audience, knew that the boy was telling what went on so that the blind man could understand, and others in the audience became interested in the messenger boy and his companion, who, through carrying on an animated

conversation, seemed absorbed and excited over everything that went on. Indeed, no one applauded more heartily than the blind man himself.

The following day Mr. Davis again appeared among the messenger boys, and, after a few words with the manager, said:

"Boys, there was a chance offered every one yesterday—a chance for lifting yourselves up 'in the world—but only one of you grasped it. My friend, the blind man, has felt for some time that he might get much pleasure out of life if he could find some young eyes to do his seeing for him, with an owner who could report intelligently. My stopping here yesterday was with the thought that possibly such a pair of eyes could be found here. It was an opportunity held out to every one of you, but only one understood and grasped it. For the rest of you it was a lost opportunity; for my friend is delighted with the experiment—says he is sure I hit upon the one boy in town who will suit him, and has offered him a good position with a fine salary. Messenger boys are easy to get, but a boy who can make a blind man see is at a premium. And yet you might—well, you see, that boy, although he did not know it, was on the watch for a good opportunity, and when it came he knew how to manage it. It is the only way to keep good opportunities from slipping away, boys; you must be on the watch for them."—*Anne Weston Whitney, in the Sabbath Recorder*.

Brother and Sister,

A chubby little sister
Was rubbing at a tub:
A chubby little brother
Came to help her rub.

The chubby little brother,
Fell in with a cry:
The chubby little sister
Then hung him up to dry.

Where Ye Spankweed Grows.

There's a corner in our garden, but my nurse
won't tell me where,
That little boys must never see, but always must
beware.

And in that corner, all the year, in rows, and
rows, and rows,
A dreadful little flower called the
Spankweed
Grows!

My nursie says that if a boy who doesn't wash
his face
Or pulls his little sister's hair, should ever find
that place,
The spankweed just would jump at him, and dust
his little clo'es.
Oh, it's never safe for fellers where the
Spankweed
Grows!

Some day I'll get the sickle from our hired man,
and then
I'll go and find that spankweed place—it's some-
where in the glen.
And when I get a-swingin' it an puttin' in my
blows,
I bet there'll be excitement where the
Spankweed
Grows!
—*Pau' West, in Life*.

The Orchard Lands of Long Ago.

The orchard land of long ago!
O drowsy winds, awake, and blow
The snowy blossoms back to me,
And all the buds that used to be!
Blow back along the grassy ways
Of truant feet, and lift the haze
Of happy summer from the trees
That trail their tresses in the seas
Of grain that float and overflow
The orchard lands of Long Ago!

Blow back the melody that slips
In lazy laughter from the lips
That marvel much if any kiss
Is sweeter than the apple is.
Blow back the twitter of the birds—
The lisp, the titter, and the words
Of merriment that found the shine
Of summertime a glorious wine
That drenched the leaves that loved it so,
In orchard lands of Long Ago!

O memory! alight and sing
Where rosy-bellied pippins cling,
And golden russets glint and gleam,
As in the old Arabian dream,
The fruits of that enchanted tree
The glad Aladdin robbed for me!
And, drowsy winds, awake and fan
My blood as when it over-ran
A heart ripe as the apples grow
In orchard lands of Long Ago!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Plant Some Bulbs in the Grass.

Some of the smaller bulbs, such as Crocus, Chionodoxa, Scilla and Grape Hyacinth, show to the best advantage when planted in sod. Drive down a sharp-pointed stick, or small trowel, spreading the opening a little, then place the bulb, press the sod back, and the springtime will show you conclusively that this is a charming way in which to plant these early-blooming flowers.

The bright blue of the Chionodoxa and Scilla blossoms and the dainty flowers of the Grape Hyacinth are much prettier against a background of green grass, than when planted in the bare, brown earth. I had never cared much for the Grape Hyacinth until I saw it planted in this manner, on the sloping banks at Highland Park. Then I found it had a grace and beauty of its own quite unsuspected before, and a delicate fragrance, as well. The bees appreciated it, for many of those winged rovers hovered over these unpretentious flowers, neglecting gayer blossoms near by.

The Crocus will flourish and blossom freely in the grass, and the bright blossoms of the yellow-flowering kinds are especially pretty with a green setting. They rival the Dandelion, and have not the latter's bad habit of crowding out the grass.

All of the bulbs named blossom early, and the flowers disappear before it is necessary to use the lawn mower, so they will not suffer any harm when the grass has to be cut. They are all extremely hardy, and will reappear with the earliest springtime year after year.—F. B.

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Changelings.

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The gossamer wings of the milkweed brown,
And the sheeny silk of the thistle down;
But there was no bewailing,
And never a hint of despair.

From the mountain ash was swinging
A gray, deserted nest;
Scarlet berries where eggs had been;
Softly the flower-wraiths floated in;
And the brook and the breeze were singing
When the sun sank down in the west.

—Mary T. Higginson.

The bright October days should be utilized to their utmost limit,—out of doors.

Since the canning and preserving are all done for the season, many small details which we have overlooked during the heated term may be grappled with now.

One of the most important items in the food supply of every household is the milk. Particularly is this true, if there are children in the family. Since the government has taken a hand in ascertaining the relative values of various foods, their chemical composition and amount of nutrient they contain, many important facts are established beyond a doubt, and many old-fashioned notions completely exploded.

One of these is the idea that skim milk is only fit for pigs. It comes with quite a shock of surprise to learn that two quarts of skim milk has a greater nutritive value than a quart of oysters. Milk contains all four classes of nutrients—protein, fats, carbohydrates and mineral matter. The most valuable ingredient of our food, and the one of which we are apt to get the least, is protein, which goes to the making of blood, bone and muscle. With the skimming of milk, the fats are largely removed, leaving the protein and other ingredients to perform their useful mission.

A lunch of skim milk and bread, a pint of the former and ten ounces of the latter, will furnish a meal for a man at ordinary work, and give him one-third of the necessary day's nourishment. As a rule milk is a food that is easily digested, provided it is taken into the stomach in a proper fashion. To drink a glass of milk at one or two gulps is very likely to produce indigestion. Yet many people drink it as they do water.

The cause of its affecting some people unpleasantly when freely taken, is because the gastric juices of the stomach speedily curdle it. The casein or curds gather in large lumps in the stomach, and as the outside of the lumps only is acted upon by the gastric juices the process of digestion goes on with difficulty. This is particularly true with children, and some other food should always be provided to eat with milk, like bread, crackers, rice. Or it should be taken in sips at the regular meal, the solid food having the effect of breaking up the curds. It is not what we eat but what we digest, which counts, and overloading the stomach with a mass of stuff difficult for it to dispose of, is by no means the best way to keep the system at its highest pitch.

A woman engaged in ordinary household duties

requires about eight-tenths as much food as a man. A boy from fourteen to sixteen years old requires about the same amount as a woman. A girl of similar age, one-tenth less. Where it is possible, skim milk should be used in cooking instead of water, and a skillful cook will find many ways to use this valuable product.

It is often advisable to use pasteurized or sterilized milk, and milk prepared in this manner at home is much more wholesome than what is purchased. Some physicians recommend that all milk from unknown sources be pasteurized, particularly that used for infants. When we realize that one-third of all children die before they are three years old, it seems as if we could not be too careful. To pasteurize milk, fill one or more bottles nearly full of milk, and plug them with a bit of absorbent or other clean cotton, and then stand them upright in a tin vessel having a false bottom. Pour on water enough to rise above the milk in the bottles. Cover the vessel tightly, put it on the stove and let the water come to 155° F. in winter, or 180° in summer. Take the vessel off the stove, cover it lightly with a heavy cloth or newspapers and let it stand for half an hour. The bottles should then be taken out and rapidly chilled with ice or cold water, and kept cold till used. See that the cotton plugs do not get wet, and do not take them from the bottles till you wish to use the milk. A regular apparatus for pasteurizing may be purchased for a moderate sum, or a large tin pail with closely fitting cover may be used. The false bottom can be a bit of wood, or a tin pan with holes punched in it, and then put upside-down in the pail. A dairy thermometer, or one you use for testing baby's bath, may be used.

The little verse at the head of the column voices my sentiments exactly. To my mind this season is the most brilliant and beautiful of them all. What if the leaves do fall, are not the buds already set which will clothe them in green next year?

Mrs. Higginson was born in Maine during the '40s, and has written several volumes of stories and verses. With her distinguished husband, Thomas Wentworth Higginson, she has been identified with woman suffrage and other reform movements, and has been active in everything which tends to progress in literature and letters. The Higginsons live at Cambridge, Mass., and form a part of the distinguished literary coterie that dwell in that famous town.

There is no place on earth where such a varied assortment of miscellaneous information may be picked up as on a hotel piazza. There is nothing in philosophy, religion or ethics, which the fair denizens will not thrash to atoms, while each vies with the other as to the superiority of her recipes, and the way the humblest food products are mashed, creamed, egged, breaded, fried and scalloped is enough to make them lose all identity. Personally, we prefer food simply prepared. If you want pea soup, why entirely destroy the agreeable flavor of that vegetable by boiling in it a ham bone or a piece of bacon? The subject under discussion on the particular occasion of which we write was egg plant, or guinea squashes.

it is called in the South. The usual method of cooking it, sliced and rubbed in bread crumbs, was varied by lightly dredging it with flour and frying in deep fat. Then the Southern fashion, which we like best of all, was advocated. To do it this way the squash is cut in half, or boiled whole till tender. Then the pulp is scraped out, seasoned with butter, pepper and salt, mixed with a small amount of bread crumbs and put in a shallow dish and baked, the top being strewn with a few more crumbs. A variation of this method was to boil, scrape out pulp and add cream (a couple of tablespoonsful) to the other seasonings, and bake as before, either in a dish or in the two halves of the shell which have been carefully preserved in their original shape. These extra "fixings" go far to destroy the delicate flavor of the vegetable, and make it more soggy than the simpler treatment.

At the Pan-American Exposition the virtue of food-stuffs left as far as possible in a semi-natural state, was duly set forth. Whole wheat, shredded wheat, health foods, grape nuts, etc., all had their eager demonstrators. Shredded wheat biscuit broken up in milk, certainly forms a very agreeable breakfast, if the weather is not too cold. All forms of wheat, we are assured by physicians, are not only more nutritious but more easily digested than oatmeal. This latter is said to form a gelatinous mass in the stomach, which is very difficult of solution, and it is only necessary to see it in a dish to become aware of this fact. Cereals have almost become a national article of diet. Few people break their fast without eating one of the numerous kinds, and the only way to do is to find which suits the family best, and then use that. No cut and dried rule will suit all tastes.

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—The Press.

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FRUIT NOTES

BY PROF. H. E. VAN DEMAN

Fruits for Family Use.

Now is the time to study fall catalogues.

Be sure to know what you ought to plant before the time comes to order from the nurseries.

Pears are not like most other fruits in regard to their stage of maturity at gathering time. They should not be allowed to ripen on the tree, but be gathered when the stems part easily from the wood. They should then be packed in boxes and put in a cool place and as they are desired for use moved to where it is warmer, but kept closed until mellow. Pears so treated are found at their best.

Did you ever think how many boys are taught to steal by their fathers having no fruit planted at home, thus almost compelling them to go to the neighbors for what they all need and should have in abundance, and some to give to those who are less fortunate. No man who has a plot of land upon which fruit trees may be planted does his duty to his family or his country, who fails to set at least a few. It is at once right and profitable.

Do not forget that good quality is the point above all others to be considered in selecting fruits for planting for home use. The home-folks should have the best that can be had. No matter if the city people do want to buy what looks good, irrespective of whether it is good to eat or not. Be sure that this mistake is not made with that which is used at home.

There are some varieties that are both handsome and delicious. Beauty in fruits or people is not always only skin deep. Take the Jonathan apple, for instance. It is one of the most brilliant red of all varieties and there is none which will please more palates when well ripened. It is also one of the juiciest and when cooked its flavor is unsurpassed. Grimes is even richer and more satisfying, and of all the yellow apples it is one of the most golden in appearance. On the contrary, Romanstem is a rather small, dull green and insignificant looking apple, yet none is more tender and richly flavored. It also keeps fairly well. Swaar is an old favorite that is now rarely seen. It is heavy and solid, as its old Dutch name signifies. It is a late keeper, too. With our modern spray remedies, it can be grown as well as in the early settlement of the country, when scab was practically unknown. Among the summer apples Garden Royal, Primate, Benoni, Early Joe and Jefferis are indispensable in any home collection. Of the fall kinds, the old Fall Pippin cannot be left out. It takes my memory back to the old orchard that my grandfather set and grafted, and where I first learned a good apple from a poor one. Melon and Mother are two more that no one should miss.

There are a few delicious early pears, of which Tyson and Rosteizer are among the best. Who would be without the dainty Little Seckel? Sheldon is another good one and so is Boussock. Bose is almost equal to Seckel, and its main fault, slow growth, may be largely overcome by top-grafting it upon some strong grower.

There are few, if any, really good peaches, ripening before Mountain Rose; Carman and Mamie Ross may be exceptions. Barnard is small but rich in both flavor and deep orange-red color.

Good grapes are rather plenty. Winchell or Green Mountain is first rate. Now that we have the Campbell we do not lack for a large, black, good grape that is rather early. Delaware we all know too well to doubt. No one can afford to be without Brighton. I well remember the great

Catawba vine that ripened its clusters within reach of the window where I slept beneath the old home-roof in Ohio. We can scarcely boast of a better grape to-day.

The melting sweetness of a good plum like Princess Imperial (the old Green Gage) is not soon forgotten. McLaughlin is not very attractive, but is equal to the best. Those who cannot grow the European plums can have the hardy Americans, and they are not bad to eat. Wyant is a fair sample of this character. Some of the Japanese plums are not bad. Abundance and Chabot are as good as any. Satsuma is the best plum when cooked of all that I know of any class.

Good berries are plenty too. The Aroma, Carrie, Parker Earle and Brunette strawberries are good enough for me, until we can do better. Early Harvest and Minnewaska blackberries are among the best. Kansas and Marlboro raspberries will please almost anyone. If we only study and ask those who are experienced, we need not go astray in getting the best fruits for our own use at home.

Fall Treatment of Pear Blight.

In those orchards where the blight has been carefully and persistently removed and destroyed most of the trees have been saved. In some instances the cutting was not severe enough to remove all the blight-producing organisms, that is, the diseased branches were not cut far enough below the lowest discolored point on the bark to remove the organisms, and as a result the disease remains in the tree and continues its destructive work so long as soil and weather conditions are favorable.

At this season it will be observed that the blight is not spreading and the disease is not advancing even in the partially dead branches. It has been found however that the disease producing organisms, although inactive during the fall and winter, are not dead, that they are capable of living over the winter, if the diseased branches have not been removed from the trees. As soon as the sap begins to flow in the spring these organisms again become active, and it is from these so-called hold-over cases that the blight is spread. When the organisms become active in the spring they find their way to the surface of the infested branches either through exuding of the sap or otherwise, and are carried by the bees or wind to neighboring trees where they lodge and produce disease.

It is clear from these facts that have been determined by careful investigation that there is only one way in which to prevent an outbreak of this disease next season, and that is by destroying all the organisms before the sap begins to flow in the spring. The only method by which this can be accomplished, so far as known at present, consists in cutting out and burning the affected branches. In many orchards where the blight was so destructive the past season, it was found that little or no effort had been made to destroy this pest during the preceding season. While the blight was not so destructive generally in 1899, as in 1900, it was present in most orchards and in many isolated trees; hence where it was not cut out it accumulated and became more destructive during the past season.—*Small Fruit Grower.*

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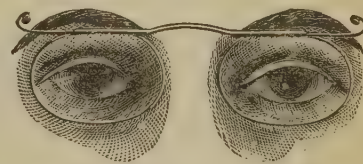
Points in Peach Culture.

Mr. J. H. Hale in *Rural New Yorker*, gives points for the soil and tree in peach culture. He advises thirteen feet apart as the distance with which he has had the best results, when attended with close pruning; but for general planting and ordinary pruning from eighteen to twenty-two feet is the best distance. Catch crops should not be planted in the young orchard, but instead twelve to fifteen good cultivations given.

During the first two years, after a month or six weeks of thorough cultivation, cowpeas may be seeded over two-thirds the space between the rows, leaving space each side of the trees for single-horse cultivation for two months more. The pea vines should be left in the ground over winter as a mulch. After the first two years, the whole space between the rows should be cultivated up to the last of July or first of August, and then seeded completely with fifteen or twenty pounds of clover for winter protection of the peach roots. The clover should be plowed under in the early spring before much growth takes place.

In pruning, a light open head is desired. The first season's growth should not be shortened too much, but the second season all the strongest branches may be liberally shortened, leaving the side branches to spread so as to make a broad low head. In case it seems best not to cut a leader entirely away, never cut back to a dormant bud, but always to some side branches; these will slowly take on growth and fruiting strength and check the upward tendency of growth that is sure to follow the cutting back of a strong peach limb to a dormant bud. Not much attention need be paid the side branches; they will never make leaders, and in the author's opinion it is a mistake to do so. A tree pruned as here suggested should give three-fourths of its fruit near enough to the ground so that it can be gathered without a ladder.

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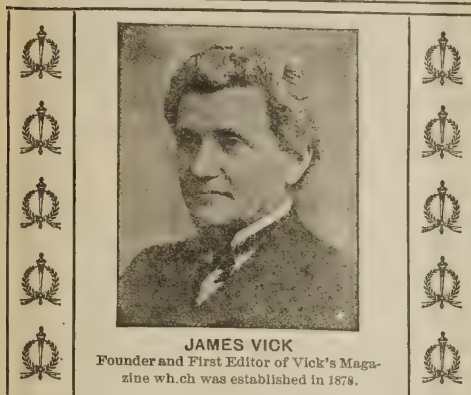
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Please find enclosed one dollar for three years' subscription to Vick's Family Magazine, the sample copy of which we think splendid. Mrs. J. D. I.
Richfield Springs, N. Y.

Help the other fellow. Life is not all made up of self. If you know something which will help your neighbor tell him about it. Sometimes a hint or a word of encouragement is worth more than money. No one can afford to be selfish;

he may be the next to need assistance. We remember with pleasure those who lend us a helping hand in times of need.

Enclosed find one dollar for your valuable Magazine for three years. I would not like to keep house without it. Wishing you all success. M. S. M.
Newberrytown, Pa.

The woods and fields are glorious now with their wealth of autumn treasures. The thorn apple trees are sprinkled with the ruddy little apples; the spice bush is laden with scarlet fruit; the purple asters and some belated golden rods make gay the fence corners; the witch hazel lights up the copse with its cheerful glow, and the blue gentian outlines the banks of the little brook. All invite us to go out into the open sky and "list to nature's teachings."

I wish to avail myself of your very liberal offer of sending Vick's Magazine for three years for one dollar. It is an excellent periodical; the reading is pleasant and instructive. Milanville, Pa. Mrs. M. H. C.

When October is pleasant, it surely is the most enjoyable month of the year. Those who live in the cities do not appreciate it unless they manage in some way to get out into the country. There is nothing more refreshing to body and mind than the crisp autumn air, and the bright tints of the forest trees, the orchards and vineyards laden with fruit, the chirping of insects blending with the faint twittering of the birds that are gathering for their southward journey, all conspire to make the fall days delightful beyond compare.

I have been getting your Magazine the last two years, and I like it a great deal better as a Family Magazine, for the reading is more varied in its present form. Wishing you success. Palmyra, Mo. Mrs. K. G.

The cool days and nights of October seem to favor the growth of mushrooms, but owing to the great number of books which have been published within the last few years on these formerly much neglected products of nature, people in general are getting so well informed about them that a person may go miles into the country without finding one. While in one way we are glad they are better appreciated, in another way we are selfishly sorry that the country is being so thoroughly scoured for them. Nothing is more aggravating, though, to one who really likes mushrooms, than to find some edible kind like the puff balls, kicked into pieces or stamped under the heel of some stupid or selfish person, who does not like them himself and so destroys them without thinking that some one else may possibly be only too glad to find them.

We make this appeal: *Don't destroy puff balls or mushrooms of any kind; leave them for somebody who appreciates them*, for the chances are that some such person will follow closely on your footsteps.

I have just received your September number and am so well pleased with it that I renew my subscription for three years. Crescent, Iowa. H. A. T.

One way in which almost every family can practice economy is by saving seeds from the choicest tomatoes, cucumbers, melons, pumpkins, squash, etc., for next spring's planting. If the older members of the family are too busy, the work may be delegated to the boys; and if you pay them as much as you would be obliged to pay for seeds at the store you will lose nothing by the transaction, while they will be encouraged in habits of industry.

I have been receiving for some time your Family Magazine. The improvements are very marked and I accept your offer of three years for one dollar. Philadelphia, Pa. E. W.

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Our Lamented President.

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*"Nothing now is left,
But a majestic memory."*

And what of the wretched fool who raised his hand against us all? He will be killed on October 28th but the institution or delusion of which he formed a part, remains and presents one of the most difficult problems with which civilized nations have to deal. If these people could only be led to realize the truth of Disraeli's words, "Assassination has never changed the history of the world," they would be much better off as would also the world at large.

It is to the credit of our nation that the assassin was protected and given a fair trial, and we regret the expressions heard in many places that he should have been lynched. Lynch law is anarchy and those who advocate it as a means of suppressing anarchy, are unintentionally advocating anarchy itself. The laws and traditions of our country require us to "Let everything be done decently and in order."

"O Grave! Where is Thy Victory?"

In bitter, voiceless, unavailing grief,
The Nation mourns its Chief—
And reverent bends
While on the land the hush of death descends.
Dead! the simple, kindly man;
Dead! the plain republican;
Dead! the great American;
In flower of manhood and renown
By cruel treason stricken down.

No noble life was ever spent in vain;
The martyr suffers that the cause may gain;
God's path is through the deep—
And we who weep
The hero lost shall reap
Fruit of his sowing, though the sower sleep.
The Nation mourns its Chief
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Be ours the lot to follow where he led;
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Potting Soil.

As so many of amateurs fail to make a success of floriculture, simply because they do not know what kind of soil to plant in, I would like you all to try my way—told by an Eastern florist. Gather all the weeds stalks, etc., off the garden. Clean it up good, bean and pea vines, tomato vines,—all such stuff; pile in one corner of the garden. Clean off from the flower beds and about the house the same way and add to the pile. If there are leaves to be had be sure to add them to it, even if they must be hauled a distance of a few miles—Isn't it worth the while when the flowers bloom out so grandly? When the weekly washings are over, throw all the soapy water on the pile, all the waste and slops from the house, in fact anything that will be beneficial to the soil. Stir it up every six weeks or so, and let it rot for two years. If made of just fallen leaves one year will be sufficient. It can have added to it a little ashes and about one-sixth its bulk of very old well rotted cow manure, or better still, place the manure in at the start to rot with the leaves, and a little sharp sand for some plants, especially cacti, bananas, palms, etc. For roses add good rich garden soil at about half and half, as they like to be set in a heavy soil. This makes an ideal soil for the majority of plants and can be safely used for all plants if no other is to be had. Now this is easy to prepare and also adds cleanliness to the surroundings when all the trash around is used. Try it. Now is the time of year to do so, as the leaves are falling fast.

In the Northern states they have already fallen before this goes to fruit, but they can still be gathering for a long time, and no one who desires fine flowers and good success to crown their efforts should neglect this duty unless he expects to buy from the florist ready prepared potting soil. Besides one feels more independent when they can say. "I did so. It is all my own work." Don't neglect it another season. Do it at once. Besides above benefits, there are lots less breeding places for destructive insects when everything is cleaned up nicely.—W. M. K.

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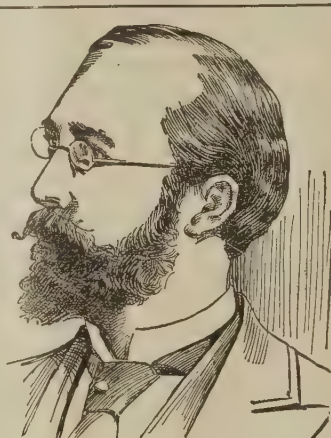
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Startling Words from the Committee Appointed to Investigate Hypnotism for the Benefit of the Public



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Rev. Paul Weller says that every minister and every mother should understand hypnotism for the benefit they can be to those with whom they are brought in daily contact.

In speaking of this marvelous power, President Eliot, of Harvard College, said to the graduates: "Young Gentlemen, there is a subtle power lying latent in each of you which few of you have developed, but which when developed, might make a man irresistible. It is called Personal Magnetism or Hypnotism. I advise you to master it."

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The first step taken by the members of the committee was to master the science in every detail, so that they might state from personal experience the good or evil this strange power might produce. They wrote the New York Institute of Science, of Rochester, N. Y., the greatest school of Hypnotism and Occult Sciences in the world, and received full and complete instructions in regard to how hypnotism may be used to influence people in business, how to use it in treating diseases, etc., etc. In a few days they mastered these instructions and were full-fledged hypnotists.

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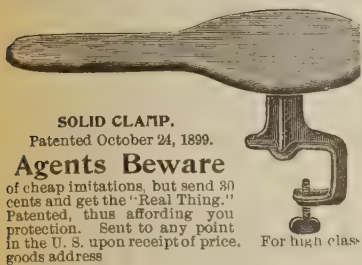
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Out here in the orchard, our fancy to
please;
Like snowflakes soon drifted pale petals,
the lightest,
And left but wee apples that clung to
the trees.—

The sourest wee apples, the hardest wee
apples,
The greenest wee apples that clung to
the trees.
The breath of the roses, the fragrance of
clover,
The music of birds and the droning of
bees,
Soon passed and we knew that the sum-
mer was over,
Yet fair were the apples that swung
on the trees—
The rosy cheeked apples, the golden hued
apples,
The maiden blush apples that swung
on the trees.
Lo! now we may gather of Autumn's
best treasure,
The fairest and sweetest and roundest
of these,
With loved ones to help us, we hearken
the measure
And laugh in our joy as they fall from
the trees—
The sweet juicy apples, the rich mellow
apples,
The luscious ripe apples that fall from
the trees.

—Ruth Raymond.

October Notes.

Queen chrysanthemums.
Clear up after cropping.
Currants like a clay loam.
Fall planting suits rhubarb.
A dry cellar for hydrangeas.
Even callas don't enjoy crowding.
Reset lilies this month; cover six
inches.
Are the seeds safe from mice?
Plant evergreens in the spring, not the
fall.
Orchards should be drained; even
apples can't stand wet feet.
Top beets an inch above the crown.
Have you tried the raw tomato cure
for dyspepsia?
Burn the old asparagus stalks and ma-
nure the beds.
With frost-time the woods have beauty
enough and to spare.
It is said that nuts exposed after the
hunks are off for ten minutes to the fumes
of sulphur in a closed box are proof
against mold.
To have a good garden look to the soil.
It is easier to buy a home having the
right kind of soil than to make soil which
is not right after you become the owner.
The Chinese gardeners have learned
the lesson of scientific economy in gather-
ing some of their produce, that would
amaze the average American gardener.
Take it in lettuce; he does not pull up a
whole head at once, but instead plucks
the developed leaves, leaving the plant
to grow others. He takes one, two or
three leaves at a time, and then waits
for others to grow. It is the same with oth-
er plants. As one Chinese gardener put it:
"We no hurry, we take a little bit at
time; good for plant; good for me."

Melican, he foolish; he pull up whole
ting all same time. We no do it."

Cannas are growing in popularity with
each year, and no wonder. As bedding
plants the Crezy type vie with geraniums
and gladioluses in brilliancy, while they
excel both in several regards. They are
incomparably easier to winter than ger-
aniums, requiring no greenhouse, the
bulbs may be kept perfectly in dry sand
in a frost proof cellar. As compared
with gladiolus the cannas are perpetual
bloomers as the others are not, and the
foliage is altogether more majestic.
These cannas should rank as the greatest
of popular bedding plants.

CURRANTS FROM CUTTINGS.—Any one
can propagate a stock of currants. Make
cuttings now of this season's growth, six
or eight inches in length. Plant them
two inches apart in the row, setting
them firmly with the tap-eye just even
with the surface. Before winter, mulch
with leaves or litter. Gooseberries may
be propagated in the same way.

HYACINTHS IN GLASSES.—There is a de-
lightful way of handling these winter
house flowers. The glasses may be had
at the crockery or seed stores. The best
bulbs for the purpose are the single vari-
eties, as they bloom earliest, and there is
hardly such a thing as failure to obtain
fine flowers. Still in making a selection
for glass culture, bulbs that are solid and
heavy should be asked for; the dealer
will be glad to accommodate you if you
will state your purpose. In starting, the
water should come up to within a half
inch of the bulb when the latter is in
place. Wrap the glass in cloth or paper
and set in a cool dark place as in a closet;
when roots are growing freely, place in
a light window. Add water as required,
but never to quite cover the bulb.

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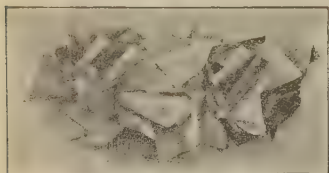
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Our Poultry Page.



J.W. BURGESS.

Always remember that hens do not do so well when they are crowded.

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Always remember that eggs, as a rule, are cheaper than meat and fully as healthful.

Don't overdo the matter and nurse your fowls to death. Enough food is far better than too much.

Many men never keep a hen longer than one, or at most, two years. It is a good rule, but there are exceptions.

The daily mash, if you feed one, should never be wet enough to be sloppy, but just moist enough to be crumbly.

If you want to fatten the young stock, feed them corn, but if you want bone and muscle and vim, then feed wheat.

Feed the moulters nourishing food and provide warm shelter. They should be full-feathered again before cold weather.

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There is not much satisfaction in very late hatched chicks. They don't get their growth before cold weather catches them and that stunts them. Of course they will lay before spring, if properly cared for, and you may get even for your trouble, but you will never be proud of them. This does not refer to those hatching for broilers.

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The wise man will look over his stock of fowls, and select all the culls and undesirable stock, and feed that batch an extra ration of corn to fatten them for market. Of course you can feed them along all winter if you choose, and away along next June. If they are pullets, you may get a few eggs from them. If they are cockerels, you will then have a lot of frozen-combed, haggard-looking cripples, the looks of which will condemn them in the eyes of any dealer. How much better to get them in condition now and bundle them all off by the pound to a dealer. That gives you extra room for the better stock, improves the appearance of your flock a thousand per cent. and makes you proud of them instead of disgusted and ashamed. The ordinary poultry raiser loses more money in harboring and feeding cull and undesirable stock than in any other way, and it is simply because he intends to kill and eat them, but never gets around to it. How much better to bunch it all up, and make one good clearing sale of all such stuff and have the cash and the room and the feed to use for a better purpose.

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BOB DEAN'S MOTHER-IN-LAW,

BY C. S. VALENTINE.

"I'm glad your mother is coming to make us a visit, my dear," said Mr. Robert Dean to his wife, "and we will try to make her enjoy herself."

"Thank you, Bob," Mrs. Dean answered, but her manner was listless and betrayed less interest than the circumstances warranted.

She helped him on with his elegant chinchilla overcoat, handed him his Knox hat and silk umbrella, and kissed him goodbye in a perfunctory manner. Then after absently watching him go down the steps she ran up to her room and sat by the open grate knitting her brows in thought, "Am I glad that mother is coming?" she asked herself. "It has been eighteen long months since I saw the precious dear, and yet —" she sighed, went to her wardrobe and began taking down dresses. There were several of them, all made in the style of two years previous, and all showing considerable signs of wear. She looked at them while a bitter smile played around the corners of her mouth; finally selecting a dress whose cut was less noticeable than the others, she put it on and went to the station to meet her mother.

"My dear Laura," exclaimed a vivacious, elderly lady, clasping Mrs. Dean in her arms, "I knew you at once, even before I saw your face, when I caught sight of your dress. So kind in you to wear the old things, so that your country mother, confused by city uproars and crowds, could identify you despite her confusion," and Mrs. Warner, laughing happily at her little jest and from pure joy at seeing her child again, gave Laura Dean another hug. Mrs. Dean colored at the mention of her gown, but made no reference to it and was soon talking so gaily about the home people, asking and answering questions, that all annoyances were forgotten. It was not until five o'clock that evening that they were recalled to her mind.

"Aren't you going to dress for dinner, Laura?" asked Mrs. Warner, looking at her daughter, who still wore the dress she had worn to the station.

"No, mother," Laura answered, looking confused.

"But why?" persisted her mother. "Surely, Laura, you are not one of those women who think that when a husband is won, it is no longer necessary to try to appear attractive and dress prettily for him?"

"Oh, no!" Laura replied hastily, "but Bob does not notice what I wear."

"Now, I know you are joking, my dear, for I never knew a better dressed man, or one more particular about his clothes than your husband," Mrs. Warner said emphatically.

"Yes," returned Laura, "you are right about Bob. There isn't a better dressed man in the city than he. But when it comes to my clothes—well, that's a dif-

ferent matter." The bitterness in her tone startled her mother.

"You don't mean, Laura, that you and Bob"—she broke down, looking so miserable that her daughter laughed, although there was little mirth in the laugh.

"Oh, no, you dear goose," she said, "I suppose you couldn't find a truer husband than Bob, and we never quarrel. But he never seems to think of my needing anything new to wear, although he is constantly replenishing his wardrobe. He never thinks of giving me money, but he has given me some handsome jewels." And again Mrs. Dean laughed a joyless laugh at the irony of the situation.

"Do you ask him for money, or tell him you need new things?" Mrs. Warner asked thoughtfully.

"I asked for money once, and Bob said it wasn't convenient to let me have it then. I never asked again," Laura answered, closing her lips firmly.

"You've made a mistake, darling, but thank goodness it is not too late to rectify it," her mother said presently. "Your husband is devoted to you, but he is a bit selfish and thoughtless. He never had a woman to look after before he married you and he does not understand a woman's needs or her feelings. I think, if you will promise to follow my directions, that all will turn out right."

"I'll do anything you suggest, mother," Laura said eagerly. "You can not guess how bitter I feel toward Bob sometimes, but I suppose it is carelessness on his part, as you say."

Mrs. Warner stayed at the Dean's a couple of weeks, during which time she and her son-in-law got along famously together. Then she begged him to let her take Laura back home for a little visit. He consented, and for another week the two ladies were constantly down town, seemingly very busy; but as they did not mention what occupied their time Bob Dean did not have curiosity to inquire.

At the train, when he handed Laura her ticket he gave her ten dollars, saying she might want to get a new dress while home.

"Thanks," she said as she kissed him good bye, "I don't need any dresses, but it will do for pin money."

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With stain of purple on her lips
And scarlet flowers in her hands.

Within the watery mirror there,
Narcissus-like, she sees her face,
So pale, so sweet, so mortal fair,
And lingers spellbound by its grace.

The morning red is vanished now,
The splendor of the noon is gone,
And, like a veil on cheek and brow,
The wreathed mist is clinging wan.

A breath from meadows shorn exhales,
A sigh goes down the forest ways,
The dryads of the woody vales
Are mourning for the passing days.

And summer hears the warning note,
As by the reedy pools she stands,
Her fading tresses all afloat
And scarlet flowers in her hands.

—Louise A. McGaffey.

October Notes.

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A NEAR MARKET. — A correspondent who has been very successful in growing small fruits, including grapes, writes to us like a philosopher. He says: "I do not believe in wearing my life out making express companies rich. Let the fruit farm be near the market. Then engage in a systematic taking of orders from private families. If your stock is right, they will gladly take it coming fresh from the farm, and pay a good market price for the same. Besides, in this way you get your baskets back—quite an item."

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are quite as easily grown as hyacinths, but the flowers are less enduring and the odor not so highly prized. What gives this class especial advantage in the house is that they get along so well in the ordinary light of windows in winter. They do perfectly well in north windows even. Indeed tulips are an exception to the general rule of plants in the respect that they will not even lean towards the light when making growth. The plants proceed straight up without special reference to the direction of the light. The writer has frequently brought them to flower under a wide greenhouse bench where light struck in from the side only, but the growth was straight up.

POISON IN FOOD PLANTS.—The annual reports of loss of life from eating poisonous fungi for the edible mushrooms, with the consequent prejudice against the family, leads us to say that other of our useful vegetables also have poisonous relatives. Take our common potato, and its cousins, the tomato and egg plant, and they are the result of development in a family that produces the deadly nightshade and tobacco. The white potato, notwithstanding its valuable and innocent tuber, has both sprouts and fruit that are poisonous. The poison, known as solania, is found in the white sprouts of the tuber and in the green seed ball or fruit, but the boiled or roasted tuber is wholly free from injurious properties. Solania is not a powerful poison, still death has been produced in children by eating the balls. Very young tubers and old sprouted ones are unwholesome food, as these contain a fraction of the poison. The tomato plant contains solani, while the fruit is free from it. Three deadly poisons are obtained from one and another members of the family to which belong the potato and the tomato, namely nicotia from tobacco, datavia from stramonium, and atropia from belladonna. One drop of pure nicotia will kill a large dog in a few minutes, and the other two are fatal in small quantities.

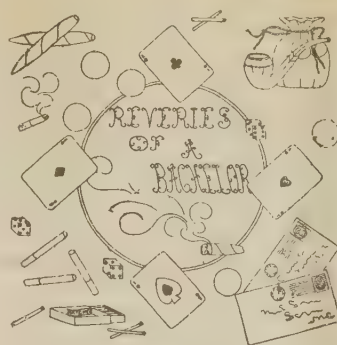
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The sumach burns with ever deepening glow
And shadows lurk about the shallow rims
Of silent pools; while eastward slowly dims
The penciled flight of the departed crow.

And you and I here on this russet hill
Drink deep the beaker of autumnal wine
Held to our lips, and feel the nameless thrill
That ebbs and flows in changing shade and shine.
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—Ernest McGaffey.

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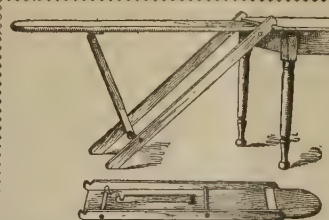
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—John S. Dwight.

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Killing Ground Moles.

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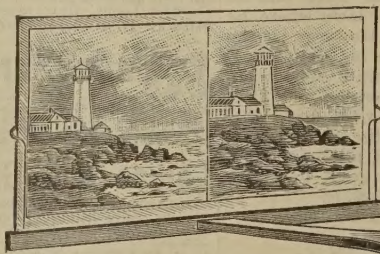
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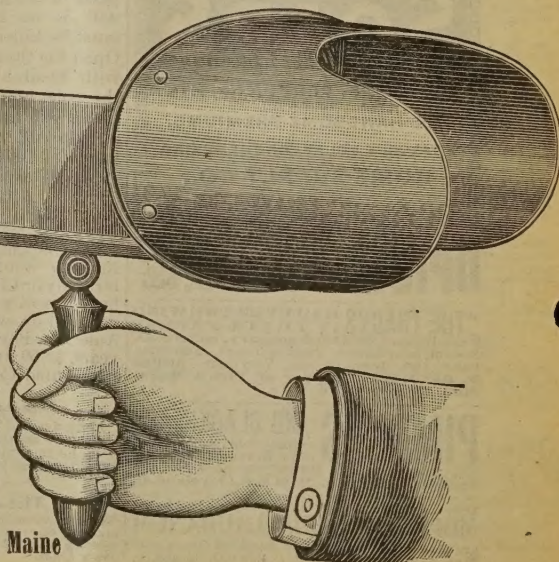
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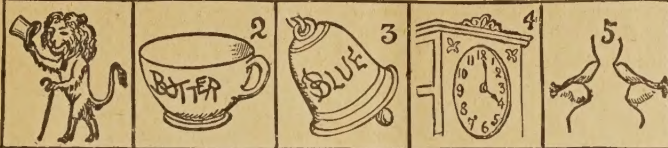


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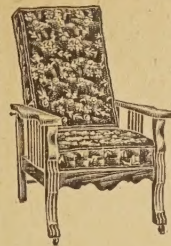
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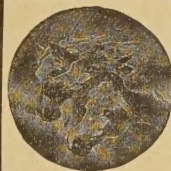
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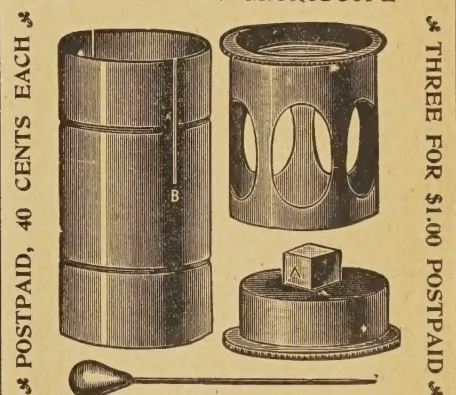
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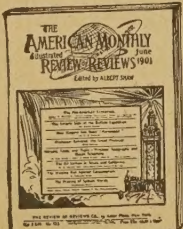
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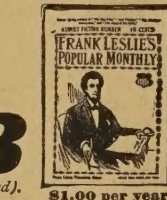
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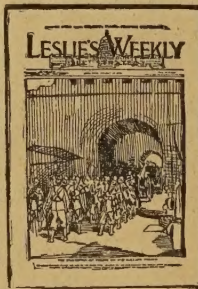
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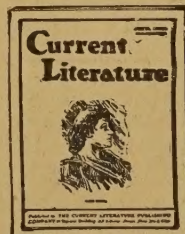
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